Users’ Office News

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- Experiments at CERN can have “External Participants” (PART)
  - they do not actually come to CERN
  - they are no (associated) Members of Personnel (like Users)
  - Team Leader acts as guarantor

- External Participants
  - CAN enroll on the CERN Learning Hub + can follow any online training courses
  - CANNOT enroll on the CERN Learning Hub for CERN classroom courses
    requires an EDH account → not authorized for External Participants
    any request will be automatically rejected by the system (External Participant is notified)

- If an External Participant needs to follow a classroom course
  - a request to internal training (Service Now ticket) must be made
Switzerland: Choice of B Permit or Swiss Carte de Légitimation for Family Members
Switzerland: Change for Family Members

• New since 16 July 2019: Family members who are nationals of the EU or EFTA and live in Switzerland have the choice of a B permit (valid 5 years, renewable) or a Swiss carte de légitimation
  • on arrival in Switzerland, or
  • as an exchange if they already have a carte de légitimation

• More Information
  • Bulletin: https://home.cern/news/official-news/cern/choice-b-permit-or-swiss-carte-de-legitimation
  • Admin e-guide: https://admin-eguide.web.cern.ch/en/procedure/swiss-cards
A1 (social security) certificate on duty travel within the EU (including Switzerland)
A1 Certificate

- Employees on duty travel within the EU (including Switzerland) need an A1 certificate certifying the social security situation of the employee.
- Regulation in force since 2010 (EU Regulation 883/2004)
  - but no checks so far
  - since 1 January 2019 increasing checks at borders, airports and even (typical business) hotels based on guest lists
  - if an employee on duty travel cannot show an A1 certificate → large fees need to be paid (in particular in France and Austria) by the employee(!)
  - even very short cross-border duty trips requires an A1 certificate
A1 Certificate

- Do Users need an A1 certificate when traveling to CERN?
  - are Users exempt given the special status of CERN?
  - is the CERN access card sufficient and accepted by authorities?

  home institution signs on Home Institution Declaration (HID) for Users that the User has adequate cover in Switzerland and France, as well as any countries visited on duty travel.
A1 Certificate

• Asked CERN Legal Service for clarification

• Short version:
  • Users need an A1 certificate when traveling to CERN!

• Long version:
  • The principle is that CERN Users are not part of the CERN social security coverage and have to comply with the national social security laws that are applicable to them. Therefore, if such laws require Users to carry an A1 certificate whenever travelling outside of their country of social security coverage, then Users must abide by such requirement.
  • The Home Institution Declaration by which the User’s home institution declares that they have adequate social security coverage in Switzerland, France and other countries visited on duty travel is an internal means for CERN to ensure that Users remain constantly covered and cannot be seen as a material proof of such adequate coverage or as an exemption from the A1 requirement.
  • It is obvious that a CERN access card is not a relevant document in this context.