

Reintegration Assistance in the Country of Return

Methods of Payment Offered by the Swiss Representation

- Contact the Swiss representation within **three months** of your return.
- No payments will be made without **proof of identity** (passport/ID documents).
- Payments can only be made to persons with a **legal status** in **their country of return** (please note that you might need a residence and work permit if you return to a third country).
- Please note that if you are setting up a business, your business should be **legally registered** and you should provide a copy of your licence to the Swiss representation.
- The realisation of your reintegration project is subject to **cooperation with the Swiss representation staff**.
- Reintegration assistance can be granted **for a maximum of one year upon return**, except where you have special authorisation from the Federal Office for Migration (SEM).
- **Any changes in reintegration projects must be authorised by the SEM before any payment can be made.**
- The amount indicated in the agreement is a maximum amount. If you use less than the amount approved by the SEM for your reintegration project, **only the amount which you have spent and for which you have receipts will be reimbursed**.
- Payment of the amount approved by the SEM for your reintegration project is made in **several instalments**.
- Payment of reintegration assistance is made **directly to the provider, landlord, physicians or pharmacies** depending on the type of reintegration assistance granted.
- If no direct payment is possible, **submit the invoices/receipts** related to the expenses for your project and **you will be reimbursed**.
- **NO PAYMENTS IN CASH WILL BE MADE.**

Communication

- **Before returning:** No direct communication with the Swiss representation in the country of return; your main counterpart in Switzerland is the return counsellor.
- **After returning:** The Swiss representation in the country of return is responsible for disbursing the project sum (not the return counsellor in Switzerland); hence, your counterpart is the local Swiss representation staff.