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The statute relating to cabaret dancers will be repealed on 1st January 2016

For the issue of a visa and permit as a cabaret dancer, a commitment of at least four months is necessary. Consequently work permits can only be issued up **to the end of August 2015 at the latest, with validity up to the end of December 2015**. Employment as a cabaret dancer is **no longer possible after 31st December 2015** in Switzerland.

The reasons for the repeal of the statute on cabaret dancers are

- Inadequate protection of dancers against exploitation;
- Susceptibility to human trafficking;
- Poor working conditions;
- Irregular or no salary payments;
- Half of the cantons no longer implement the statute.



Information for cabaret dancers

who do not originate from an EU/EFTA nation

No work **without a permit**

Anyone working in Switzerland without a work permit renders himself/herself **liable to punishment** (imprisonment up to one year or a fine).

The same applies to an employer who employs a foreign national without a work permit.

Anyone who stays illegally in Switzerland **is liable to expulsion** from Switzerland and a **ban on entry to** the Schengen area.

In the case of **victims** or **witnesses of human trafficking**, a period of **recovery and respite** is granted (minimum 30 days). During this time, expulsion is not applied. If the victim is subsequently prepared to collaborate with authorities, a **temporary stay** for the duration of the proceedings is granted. A further stay may be granted if a severe **case of hardship** exists.

Contacts

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