



Mobility

Basel is a city of cycling. Almost everybody has a bicycle at home and most destinations in and around the city centre can be reached with ease by bicycle. The City of Basel and its region also have a very extensive network of public transport services that is also characterised by punctuality, short waiting times and modern vehicles.

Public transport

Timetables, ticket/travel card prices and further information is available under the following links:

Public transport (tram, bus) in Basel-Stadt:

Basler Verkehrsbetriebe (BVB) [Basel Transport Services]

Online timetable Basel & region: www.bvb.ch

Schweizerische Bundesbahnen (SBB) [Swiss Federal Railways]:

Timetable and ticket sales: www.sbb.ch

Trains have different 1st class and 2nd class carriages. The 1st class is expensive and offers greater comfort (more space). Special 1st class tickets must be bought for the first class.

The following season tickets may interest you:

U-Abo

The universal season ticket U-Abo is valid throughout the entire public transport region (see www.tnw.ch → timetable and route network) without time limit. In addition, the U-Abo is valid on Line 8 between the Swiss border and Weil am Rhein (RVL Lörrach) as well as between the Swiss border and Saint-Louis on Line 3 (entire area Distribus, France). Further information under www.tnw.ch → Tickets & Prices

Halbtax (half-fare)

With a *Halbtaxabonnement* (half-fare season ticket) you can travel on all SBB routes and on many other railway lines as well as on ships, buses and trams at a reduced price. Further information under www.sbb.ch → Travelcards & Tickets → Half Fare Travelcards

Generalabonnement (GA) (general season ticket)

By buying a general season ticket, you will be able to use most public transport services in Switzerland free of charge. In the case of all other transport companies, the general season ticket offers at least the same reduction as a half-fare season ticket. Further information is available under www.sbb.ch → Travelcards & tickets → GA Travelcards

Important notice: In contrast to the U-Abo, the GA and the Halbtax are NOT valid on Line 8 between the Swiss border and Weil am Rhein or on Line 3 between the Swiss border and Saint-Louis.

Driving licence

If you move to Basel-Stadt from another canton, you must report your new address to the *Motorfahrzeugkontrolle* [Motor Vehicle Control Bureau] Basel-Stadt.

If you move to Basel-Stadt from abroad, you have one year (from the date of arrival) to apply in person for a Swiss driving licence from the *Motorfahrzeugkontrolle*. During this year you may continue to use your foreign driving licence. Once this period has expired, the foreign driving licence may no longer be used in Switzerland. Please note that holders of driving licences from certain countries may need to complete a test drive and/or a theory test. For this reason, please make sure you report to the *Motorfahrzeugkontrolle* in good time.

For this purpose, you will require the following documents:

- Completed application form (incl. eye test)
- Swiss citizens: Passport or ID card
- Foreigners: Alien's ID
- 1 colour, current passport photo
- Foreign driving licence

The application form is available from the *Motorfahrzeugkontrolle* Basel-Stadt and from all police offices with manned desks within the Canton of Basel-Stadt. In addition, this is also available online: www.polizei.bs.ch → Lernfahr- und Führerausweise

Kantonspolizei Basel-Stadt [Motor Vehicle Control Bureau]

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Road traffic rules in Switzerland

Overview of the most important rules:

- Speed limit: Unless otherwise specified, the speed limit in built-up areas is 50 km/h, outside built-up areas 80 km/h and on the Autobahn 120 km/h.
- Autobahn vignette: Use of Autobahns and major roads by motor vehicles in Switzerland is paid by means of the vignette.
- Drink driving: Whosoever drives a motor vehicle in Switzerland with a blood alcohol level of more than 0.5 per mil must expect legal consequences.
- Obligatory headlights: It is also obligatory to drive during the day with headlights switched on. Those who have daytime running lights may switch these on, all others must drive with dipped headlights

Parking

Parking spaces in Switzerland are divided into different zones.

- Blue zones: From Monday to Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. vehicles may be parked here using a blue parking disk (including EU parking disk) for one hour free of charge. Whereby the time of arrival must be adjusted to the nearest half an hour. Parking is free on Sundays and on public holidays between the hours of 7:00 p.m. And 7:00 a.m.
- Yellow zones: These are private or reserved for companies and may only be used by them and their customers or guests.
- White zones: These are metered, often numbered and have a parking machine nearby.
- Yellow markings with crosses mean no parking and yellow lines at the edge of the road mean no parking. The parking on main roads is prohibited out of town.

Residents' parking cards

A residents' parking card entitles the holder to park without time restriction in the blue zone within the indicated postcode district. Further information about the terms and conditions is available from the *Motorfahrzeugkontrolle* Basel-Stadt. The parking card can also be obtained from this Bureau.

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- White zones: These are subject to a charge, are frequently numbered, and a parking machine will be in the vicinity.
- Yellow markings with crosses indicate that parking is prohibited, and yellow lines along the side of roads mean that stopping is not permitted. Parking on main roads outside built-up areas is prohibited.

City bicycle map

There is a digital city bicycle map for cyclists in and around Basel. This is available under Geoportal: map.geo.bs.ch