

Prices comparison between living in Switzerland and in France in a studio 25sqm

Switzerland	Chf	Euros per month	France	Euros per month
Rental fees	1200	996	Rental fees	700
Electricity	60	49.8	Electricity	20
Heating	Included	0	Heating	35
Water	Included	0	Water	15
TV tax	24	19.92	TV tax	10
Radio tax	14	11.62	Garbage tax	8
Living tax	0	0	Living tax	40
Internet	49	40.67	Internet	33
House insurance	23	19.09	House insurance	8
Health insurance	30	24.9	Health insurance	13
TOTAL	1400	1162		882

You also have to know that it is harder and longer to find a place in Switzerland rather than in France but of course not impossible. It is wise to book an hotel for at least 1 month when you arrive especially if you want to live in Geneva.

Taxes on your income if you don't pay any taxes in the country employing you:

1) If you live in Switzerland

If you declare yourself to the OCP, office cantonal de la population, you will have to pay an income tax which can be from 1 to 1,5 times the amount of your monthly salary.

2) If you live in France

As a foreign scientist living in France you have a 2 years tax exemption, after you will have to pay an income tax which can be from 1 to 1,5 times the amount of your monthly salary.