



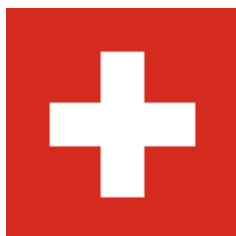
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# Switzerland



Capital	Berne
Language(s)	German/French/Italian/Romansh
Currency	Franc (CHF)
Surface	41 285 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	8 544 527 inhabitants
Population density	206.96 inhabitants / km <sup>2</sup>
GDP (2018)	705.501 Mrd \$
Car fleet in 2016	5.003.551
Length of road network	71 464 kms
Nber of vehicle for 1000 inhabitants	585
Time zone	GMT + 1
Persons killed on the road in 2018	233

## AUTOMOTIVE EXPERTISE IN SWITZERLAND

The Swiss laws surrounding public liability are stipulated in Federal law which completes the Swiss civil code (Code of obligations – CO). They regulate obligations' fulfilment in Swiss private law governing public liability. A Federal law dedicated to road traffic has been secured for traffic on Public highways, Public liability and insurance cover for damage suffered by motor vehicles, cycles or similar vehicles. In 1965, the Swiss association of Liberal automotive experts (ASEAI) set the basis of automotive expertise in the country. This association federates stakeholders involved in expertise process as a whole; it publishes Tax fixing directives for road vehicles and towed vehicles (DDT), periodically updated and implemented by courts and insurance companies.

In Swiss there are two categories of automotive experts:

- **Staff (employed) experts**, who are hired and trained by various insurers according to their own internal requirements (about 80%)
- **Liberal experts**, who are organized as a network of private offices, able to deliver services to any category of principals in very short time limit on Swiss territory. (About 20%)

In Switzerland, the profession is not recognized that much. Before becoming Liberal expert, the applicant must first of all justify his professional knowledge by a completed automotive Engineer diploma or a Federal certificate either as mechanic or coachbuilder. Then the expert's training will go further through two years of professional practice and additional theoretical courses dispensed by the ASEAI and validated in a final exam. Members of ASEAI professional union commit themselves to following professional training. The training and specialization of Liberal experts are also assured by the ASEAI, in the form of internal or external lectures employed experts can also attend. The insurance companies, in majority associate members of ASEAI, manage their own experts' training and periodically invite Liberal experts to get updated about their latest internal topicalities. Thanks to this structure of expertise industry in Switzerland, a report from an employed expert or a Liberal one will be both delivered on neutral directives basis, democratic principle linked with the country's philosophic ideals.

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