

## 13 - TAXES

In Switzerland you need to pay taxes in different levels of government: the municipality, the canton and the confederation. In the canton Basel City the taxes for the municipality and for the canton are the same. The amount of taxes depends on the income and assets: the more you earn the more taxes you have to pay.

For persons with a B permit taxes are deducted at source (in German Quellensteuer). These are deducted directly from the salary. Persons with a C permit or swiss nationals are responsible for the tax declaration.

The tax declaration (in German Steuererklärung) is usually done in the beginning of the year for the previous year. Until the end of March the forms and all attachments need to be sent back to the tax authorities. If you still don't have all necessary documents you can extend the time limit.

If you cannot fill in the forms by yourself you can contact a counseling service or trust companies. But you need to pay for this service.

The tax declaration form is available online, but you can also order it at your municipality or cantonal authorities. [GGG Migration](#) provides a list in several languages of all documents which are necessary for tax declaration.

Think about your tax declaration already today! Keep all relevant documents and bills in order to send back your tax declaration on time next spring.