

POC form

Use of an oxygen concentrator (POC, Portable Oxygen Concentrator), a BIPAP device (Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure) or a ventilator onboard a SWISS flight.

Dear guest,

If you wish to use a POC or BIPAP device on board a SWISS or Edelweiss flight, please read the following information and instructions carefully.

- The use of a POC or BIPAP device requires medical and technical authorization from SWISS. Only battery-operated devices are permitted.
- The form "Assessment of Medical Fitness for Air Travel (MEDIF)" is required to assess medical fitness for air travel. Have it filled out, signed and stamped by your doctor.
- The manufacturer/brand and the exact type of POC or BIPAP device are required for technical approval.
- Please register at med.swiss.com and enter all the information on the planned flight and the device.
- This POC form and the MEDIF must be signed and uploaded to the Special Assistance Portal.

Please note:

1. During a flight, the air pressure in the cabin is equal to the pressure at an altitude of 2400 metres (approx. 8000 feet). You must therefore discuss with your doctor what adjustments need to be made to the POC or BIPAP device before your planned flight.
2. Only battery-operated POC or BIPAP devices may be used.
3. Due to reduced air pressure in the cabin, a POC device requires more battery power during a flight. The flight duration may also be extended for various reasons, which will increase battery consumption. You must therefore carry a sufficient number of spare batteries to ensure that your device can operate for at least 150% of the flight time.
4. Please note the following regulations for spare lithium batteries with a capacity exceeding 100 Wh:
 - a) The capacity of a single battery must not exceed 160 Wh.
 - b) A maximum of two spare batteries is permitted, and they must be carried in your carry-on baggage.For batteries with a capacity of less than 100 Wh, a maximum of 20 batteries is permitted, and they must be carried in your carry-on baggage.

Important note regarding battery packs (e.g. dual batteries)

Battery packs consist of multiple individual batteries housed within a single outer casing. The combined total watt-hour (Wh) capacity of all individual batteries determines whether the battery pack is permitted for transport.

Examples: 46.1 Wh + 46.1 Wh = 92.2 Wh → Maximum 20 dual battery packs permitted for transport

75.2 Wh + 75.2 Wh = 150.4 Wh → Maximum 2 dual battery packs permitted for transport

92.2 Wh + 92.2 Wh = 184.4 Wh → Not permitted for transport

For more information on battery regulations, please visit the SWISS website: www.swiss.com/ch/en/prepare/baggage/electronic-devices-and-batteries

5. To avoid an electrical short circuit, each spare battery must be individually packed in a separate container. The flight crew is instructed to check the spare batteries of POC and BIPAP devices.
6. In the event of a sudden drop in cabin pressure, keep the nasal cannula of your POC in place and put on the yellow mask that drops from the ceiling.
7. To facilitate security checks at the airport, we recommend that you bring a medical certificate in English confirming the need to use the POC or BIPAP device on board.

I hereby confirm that I have read the above information carefully and will comply with points 1 to 7.

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Date

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Signature of the POC / BIPAP user

Medical Services, Swiss International Air Lines Ltd.