

Schools, health and the infrastructure of family life

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The decision of a wealthy family to move to Zug depends on taxes and equally on the conditions of family life. The canton offers a public school system of high quality, in German, and several private and international schools that teach in English and prepare pupils for the International Baccalaureate and other international qualifications.¹ For families from abroad, the availability of places in international schools is often decisive. As the international community has grown, the schools' capacity has become a constraint.

The canton has a cantonal hospital in Baar and private clinics, and the hospitals of Zurich and Lucerne, with their specialised medical services, are within easy reach.² Although the cultural offer of the canton is modest compared with Zurich or Geneva, the proximity of Zurich and Lucerne compensates for it. The lake and the mountains offer a recreational environment that many families value. Security, cleanliness and the functioning of public services complete the picture. For the practitioner, these factors are not legal questions, yet they belong to the advice that a family expects when it considers a move. A relocation that fails because the family is unhappy with its new life is a failure of the planning as much as a relocation that fails for tax reasons.

1 Notes

1. International School of Zug and Luzern, iszl.ch: Zug Campus in Baar (Early Years, Primary and Middle School) and Riverside Campus in Hünenberg (High School), teaching the IB Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes and the International Baccalaureate. Treated in Part J. ↩

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2. Zuger Kantonsspital AG, zgks.ch: Landhausstrasse 11, 6340 Baar. Hirslanden, "AndreasKlinik Cham Zug", hirslanden.ch: private clinic at Rigistrasse 1, 6330 Cham. ↩

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