



**1967**

European Convention on the Adoption of Children (entered into force in 1973).

**1974**

European Convention of human rights

**1978**

Civil Code revised with sections related to placement of children  
Modification regarding illegitimate and legitimate children

**1989**

Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified in 1997).

**Till 1970s**

Poverty laws within each Canton  
Poverty laws revised so focus was no longer confined to the phenomenon of maladjustment to society

**1975**

European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock (entered into force 1978)

**1979**

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (ratified in 2003)

**1976**

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1976 (ratified in 1992)

**1977**

Ordinance regulating the placement of children for care and adoption

**1984**

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (ratified in 1986)

**1976**

International Covenants on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and on Civil and Political Rights (ratified in 1992)

**1977**

Federal Law on competence relating to assistance in persons in need (LAS)

**1986**

The United Nations Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally (General Assembly Resolution 41/85, of 3 December 1986)

**1994**  
Federal law on health insurance

**2002**  
The Equality for Persons with Disabilities Act

**2003**  
Maternity allowance introduced in 1952  
Federal Act on loss of earnings allowances

**2008**  
European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised)

**1996**  
Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children (entered into force in 2009)

**2002**  
Federal Act on financial aid for out-of-home care

**2005**  
COE Rec(2005)5 on the rights of children living in residential institutions

**1993**  
Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (entered into force in 2003)

**1997**  
European Convention on the exercise of Children's Rights

**1997**  
Switzerland ratifies the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which enters into force

**1999**  
Swiss Constitution

**2005**  
UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law

**2006**  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ratified in 2009)

**2006**  
COE Rec(2006)19 on policy to support positive parenting

**2006**  
Act on Family allowances and Financial Assistance to Organisation of Family

**2007**  
Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse

**2009**

UN Guidelines on the Alternative Care of Children

**2009**

COE Convention on Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

**2012**

Amendments to the SCC (e.g. introduction of professional CAPA)

**2019**

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 2019 [on the report of the Third Committee (A/74/395) on the Rights of the child with a focus on Children without parental care

**2011**

COE Rec(2011)12 on Children's rights and social services friendly to children and families

**2011**

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (accession 2017)

**2016**

Ordinance regulating the placement of children modifies the 1977 Ordinance  
Federal Act on Coercive Measures for The Purpose of Assistance and Extra-Familial Care Prior to 1981, of 30 September 2016

**2020**

COPMA/CDAS recommendations on out of home placements