

OVERVIEW FOR EEA/ EU AND SWISS NATIONAL FAMILY MEMBER

Every applicant, including children/ infants, has to submit his/ her Schengen visa application in person and by appointment only on their appointment date, which needs to be booked online (see [Booking Online Appointment](#)) by the applicant.

For Non EU citizens who are not sure whether a Schengen visa is required to travel to the Schengen Area, please click [Do I need a Visa?](#) to find out.

1. The following family members of EEA/ EU and Swiss nationals are entitled to apply for a Schengen visa as EEA/ EU and Swiss national family member, i.e. submitting fewer documents required than regular Tourists and exempt from paying the applicable visa fee, when travelling together with their EEA/ EU or Swiss national family member:
 - a. Spouse
 - b. Parent(s) (only if child is under 21 years old or elderly parent cohabiting)
 - c. Child(ren)
 - d. Registered partner
2. Any applicant, **travelling without** his/ her EEA/ EU or Swiss national family member, **cannot apply as EEA/ EU and Swiss national family member** and need to apply as **Tourist**, i.e. providing all the required documents and paying the applicable visa fee.

Visa application exemption for certain EEA/ EU and Swiss national family members:

1. Family members of EEA/ EU or Swiss nationals holding a valid U.K. Residence permit as demonstrated below, do not need a Schengen visa to enter Greece/ Schengen Area, only if the following 2 conditions are fulfilled:
 - a. they are travelling with/ joining the EEA/ EU or Swiss national family member in Greece/ Schengen Area
 - b. their UK Residence permit literally bears the following wording:
 - i. Residence Card of a Family Member of an EEA National (endorsed in passport)



- ii. Residence Card of a Family Member of a Union Citizen (biometrics card)



2. However, when applicant, holding one of the above mentioned UK residence permits, is travelling without their EEA/ EU or Swiss national family member, then they have to apply as Tourist, i.e. providing all the required documents and paying the applicable visa fee.

Eligibility

Applicant must at least meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to submit a Schengen visa application:

1. holding a valid passport/ travel document
2. holding a valid UK residence permit. In case applicant holds a short stay visa, a C type visa (see [here](#)), for the UK, then applicant needs to apply for a Schengen visa from his/ her residence country
3. applying for a short stay visa Tourist (including Minors), Visitor Family/ Friends, Business, EEA/ EU and Swiss national family member or Airport Transit).