

OVERVIEW

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.

Applicants who intend to travel purely for tourist purposes, i.e., visiting for leisure, recreation or sightseeing, and provide for their own accommodation (hotel, hostel, B&B, camping etc.) need to apply as Tourist.

Applicants, who intend to travel to visit and stay with family/ friends legally residing in Greece, need to apply as Visiting Family/ Friends.

Applicants who intend to travel for business purposes, i.e., visiting a business/ company to have meetings, to make business deals, to recruit, to train or other work-related activities can apply as Business. Please note that every Business visa application must be confirmed by an invitation letter from a business/ company based in Greece. If not, applicant needs to apply as Tourist.

Applicants travelling by plane to a destination outside the Schengen Area, may make a stopover in the Schengen Area. During the stopover they may disembark the aircraft and then stay for a certain time in the airport's transit zone (without going through Immigration Control). Certain nationalities (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, and Sri Lanka) have to apply for an airport transit visa in order to be allowed to make such an airport transit. However, there are some exemptions from this type of visa requirement; the most frequent exemption is for holders of a valid uniform visa, national long-stay visa or residence permit issued by a Member State.

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)