

# 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)





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).