

# FINNISH, EU/EEA AND SWISS NATIONALS' FAMILY MEMBER UNDER DIRECTIVE 2004/38/EC

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 Schedule an 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.

Following family members of Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals are entitled to apply for a Schengen visa under *Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals' family member under Directive 2004/38/EC* category, i.e. submitting fewer documents required than regular Tourists and exempt from paying the applicable visa fee, when **travelling together** with their Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss national's family member:

1. Spouse
2. Children
3. Parents (only if child is under 18 years old or elderly parent cohabiting with his/her Finnish, EU/EEA or Swiss national's child)
4. Registered partner

Any applicants, **travelling without** their Finnish, EU/EEA or Swiss national's family member, cannot apply under *Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals' family member under Directive 2004/38/EC* category and need to apply for a Tourist visa, i.e. providing all the required documents and paying the applicable visa fee.

**Visa application exemption** for certain Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals' family members:

**Family members of Finnish, EU/EEA or Swiss nationals** holding a valid UK Residence permit as demonstrated below, **do not need** a Schengen visa to enter Finland/Schengen Area, **only if the following 2** conditions are fulfilled:

1. they're travelling with/joining the Finnish, EU/EEA or Swiss national's family member in Finland/Schengen Area (EU Directive 2004/38/CE)
2. their UK Residence permit literally bears the wording:





However when applicant, holding one of the abovementioned UK residence permits, is **travelling without** their Finnish, EU/EEA or Swiss national's family member, then they have to apply for a Tourist visa, 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 for the UK, a C type visa (see [example here](#)), then applicant needs to apply for a Schengen visa from his/her residence country.
3. applying for a short stay visa: Tourist (including Private Visit), Business, Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals' family member under Directive 2004/38/EC and Study, Conference and Professional Training Visa