

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.

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 (NOT a C-type visa; in case applicant holds a short stay visa 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 Private Visit), Business, Finnish, EU/EEA and Swiss nationals' family member under Directive 2004/38/EC and Study, Conference and Professional Training Visa