

# PRIVATE VISIT

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.

Applicants, who intend to travel to Finland to visit and stay with family/friends legally residing in Finland, need to apply for a Private Visit visa.

## 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