

Entry of Citizens of Member States of the EU/ EEA, Swiss Confederation and Their Family Members

In accordance with Act No. 404/2011, Collection of Laws on Residence of Foreigners and Amendment and Supplementation of Certain Acts:

Member state is the member state of the European Union, apart from the Slovak Republic, other state, which is a contract party of the Treaty on European Economic Area and Swiss Confederation.

Citizen of the European Union is everybody who is not a citizen of the Slovak Republic and who is the citizen of another member state.

Family member of the citizen of the European Union is a third country national who is:

- a) his/her spouse;
- b) his/her child younger than 21 years of age, his/her dependent child and dependent children of his/her spouse;
- c) his/her dependent direct relative in descending or ascending line and such a person of his/her spouse;
- d) any other family member to whom par. (a) to (c) do not apply and he/she is a dependent person in the country of his/her origin;
- e) any other family member to whom par. (a) to (c) do not apply and he/she is the member of his/her household;
- f) any other family member to whom par. (a) to (c) do not apply and he/she depends on his/her care due to serious health reasons;
- g) his/her partner with whom Union citizen is in a permanent, duly certified relations;
- h) a third country national with the right of residence in the same member state in which the Union citizen has the right of residence, and the Union citizen is a Slovak Republic national with whom the third country national returns or whom he/she joins to reside with back in the Slovak Republic territory and fulfils some of the conditions specified in (a) to (g) in connection with the Slovak Republic national.

Right of Entry of Citizens of the European Union

The right of entry of a Union citizen shall be demonstrated by means of submitting a document or in another trustworthy way in which he/she duly demonstrates his/her identity and citizenship in a member state.

Right of Entry of a Family Member of a Union Citizen

The family member of the Union citizen shall demonstrate the right of entry by submitting a document or in another trustworthy way in which he/she duly demonstrates his/her identity and family relationship with the citizen of the European Union.

The family member of a Union citizen who is subject to visa obligation shall submit a valid visa at the entry; this shall not apply, if he/she submits a valid document of residence of a family member of a Union citizen or a document of residence according to special regulation.

Schengen Visa Application for a Family Member of a Union Citizen

The family member of a Union citizen shall be obliged to submit:

1. application form;

An application shall be completed in full and signed by an applicant, for a minor or incapacitated person an application shall be signed by legal representative who shall attach a copy of the document confirming that he/she is a legal representative of an applicant.

2. valid travel document;

3. color **photograph** of a person (1 pcs.), 3.5 x 4.5 cm on a light background in accordance with the ICAO requirements;

4. allow **fingerprinting** when necessary;

When submitting a visa application it is necessary to provide ten fingerprints. Fingerprints shall be captured each 59 months except as otherwise provided below.

If a visa applicant provided fingerprints earlier, they should be re-taken in the following cases:

- doubts as to applicant's identity;
- if fingerprints cannot be obtained from previous visa application in Visa Information System;
- if low quality of earlier taken fingerprints kept in VIS Information System does not allow using them in new application.

The following categories of persons shall be released from an obligation to capture fingerprints:

- a) children before the age of 12;
- b) persons who physically cannot give fingerprints;
- c) heads of states or governments and members of national governments accompanied by spouses and members of their official delegation, when they are invited for official purposes by the government of a member state or international organizations.

5. provide **supporting documents**;

- document attesting identity and citizenship of a citizen of the European Union;
- proof of the fact that an applicant will accompany or join the citizen of the European Union in the Slovak Republic,
- document confirming that he/she is a family member of the Union citizen (e.g., certificate of marriage or certificate of birth) or a document confirming dependency, if required (e.g. medical certificate on the need of constant care, disability, constant partnership, etc.).

The family members of the Union citizens are issued an expedited visa within 10 working days from the date of submission of an application.

No fee shall be charged for visa application for the family member of a Union citizen.

Which countries are part of the European Economic Area (EEA)?

The contract parties of the Treaty on establishing the European Economic Area are:

Member States of the European Union

Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Netherlands, Croatia, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, United Kingdom, Spain, Sweden, Italy

and **member states of the European Free Trade Association (EACT)** that are parties to the Treaty on establishing the European Economic Area: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.