

Schengen visa for EEA national's* family member

If non-EEA family members **need an entry visa**, they should apply for one in advance from the **consulate or embassy** of the country they wish to travel to. If they will be travelling together with EEA citizen, or joining EEA citizen in another EEA country, their application should be processed **quickly** and **free of charge**:

- countries which are members of the border-free Schengen area should issue visas **within 15 days**, except in rare cases, when the authorities should provide an explanation for their decision
- all other countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Romania, UK) should issues visas **as quickly as possible**

The non-EEA family member should clearly indicate on their visa application form that they are applying for an entry visa as a family member of a mobile EEA citizen. If this is not clear they may be issued with the wrong type of visa for which they will be charged.

Visa application - supporting documents

The non-EEA family member must include the following documents with their visa application:

- a valid passport – to prove their identity and nationality
- a document proving family ties with the EEA citizen (e.g. marriage certificate, birth certificate etc.) and dependency (if required)
- proof that the EEA citizen is already living in the host country (if they are joining them)
- a declaration that the couple will travel together (if the family member will be accompanying the EEA citizen)

This list is exhaustive: the non-EEA family members cannot be required to produce any other documents to support their application.

(Visas issued by a country belonging to the border-free Schengen area are valid for all countries in that area.)

If the EEA citizen live **outside the EEA** and his/her non-EEA family members accompany them or travel to the **EEA country of their nationality**, EU cross-border rules do not necessarily apply and the non-EEA family members might be charged visa fees.

***EEA national:** the citizens of Member States of the European Union – other than Hungarian citizens – and citizens of any State that is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (citizens of the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein).