



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

CHECKLIST: VISIT FAMILY OR FRIENDS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A VISA TO TRAVEL TO THE SCHENGEN AREA	Submitted	Not submitted
Application for Schengen Visa – Application form (completed and signed) (*)		
Original passport (*) valid for travel to the Member States to visit. The passport validity must exceed the planned stay in the Schengen Area by at least three months. The passport must have been issued within the last ten years.		
Copy of biodata page of passport.		
One color photo (*) not more than six months old, passport size (45 mm x 35 mm), full face and taken against a light background.		
Individual medical travel insurance that covers all costs that could arise as a result of emergency medical assistance, emergency hospitalization or medical repatriation. The insurance should cover costs of at least EUR 30,000 and be valid for the duration of the stay in all the Schengen countries.		
Payment or proof of payment of the visa fee (*) (where applicable)		
LIST OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS IN ETHIOPIA FOR SHORT STAY VISAS		
For non-Ethiopian citizens: Ethiopian proof of residence, valid for at least 3 months from the date of intended departure from the territory of the Member States.		
Proof of sufficient means of subsistence for the intended journey: Certified bank statement (covering the last three months) including bank account movements and final balance. This do not apply to pupils. (a) Employees: employment contract or certificate of employment and pay-slips from the last three months. (b) Company owners: copy of company registration documents, bank statement(s) for the company including bank account movements covering the last 3 months and balance sheets from the previous financial year.		



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(c) Students: purpose of study, proof of financial solvency of parents or proof of sufficient funds for entire stay.		
(d) Retired persons: pension payments for the last three months.		
Proof of return travel arrangements		
Proof of accommodation or proof of sufficient financial means to cover accommodation expenses.		
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS)		
(a) Copy of birth certificate.		
(b) Copy of both parents' ID-cards/passports.		
(c) Certified bank statement (covering the last three months) of parent(s)/guardians(s)/sponsors.		
(d) Written consent letter from both parents certified by notary if the child is travelling alone or from the parent not accompanying the child when travelling. The letter should include the parent(s)' telephone and e-mail contacts.		
(e) If either one of the parents is absent or deceased, this must be evidenced by the information on the birth certificate or a death certificate or a Court Order for the custody.		
(f) If the legal guardian is someone other than the biological parent as stated in the birth certificate, a custody order must be submitted proving the legal guardianship.		
(g) A letter from the school containing the child's name, name of parent's, grade, number of years at school, dates of school holidays, contact details, and name of school representative.		
(h) If the child is travelling with a group: a complete list of names of all group members travelling and name of person in charge of the group.		
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TRAVELLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PRIVATE VISIT		



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<p>(a) If relevant, proof of sponsorship and/or private accommodation by means of an official national form.</p> <p>For Norway: UDI “Proof of Sponsorship Form,” filled out and signed by the inviting person</p>		
<p>(b) Invitation letter, if relevant, containing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the length of the stay;ii. details on the relation between the inviting person and the applicant;iii. the inviting person’s ID number and personal identification code in the Member State concerned (if applicable);iv. date and signature.		
<p>(c) If an employed person, a signed letter from current employer containing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. personal data;ii. function/profession;iii. terms of employment (temporary or permanent, begin and end dates of the contract);iv. number of days with employer/organization;v. granted leave days;vi. date and contact details.		
<p>(d) If a self-employed person, copy of business registration documents.</p>		
<p>(e) If a retired person, documents proving pension or other financial support.</p>		

I am informed about the 45 days processing time, starting from the date the Embassy receives my application. In some cases, applications are sent to the Directorate of Immigration (UDI), and the processing time in these cases will be longer.

I confirm that I understand that any missing documents mentioned in this checklist may lead to an extended processing time of the application or a refusal. The VFS officer receiving my application has pointed out to me the documents that should have been submitted (if any).

Place/Date:

Applicant’s signature:



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VFS officer's signature:

(*) If your application lacks any of the above documents marked (*) it is considered inadmissible and your documents, including the application fee, will be returned to you without delay. (Visa Code art. 19:3).

Important notice:

The mere submission of the listed documents does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Individual assessments are made in every case by the Norwegian Embassy in Nairobi.