

A family member of EU, EEA or Swiss citizens may be any of the following:

- Spouse
- Child who is under 21 years of age or a child of similar status of his or her spouse
- Relative in a direct ascending line who is dependent on him or her or a relative of similar status of his or her spouse
- Guardian, if the EU/EEA or Swiss citizen is a minor

Persons living continuously in a marriage-like relationship in the same household regardless of their sex are comparable to a married couple if

- they have lived in the same household for at least two years
- they have a child in their joint custody, or
- there are other serious reasons for this.

Other relatives are treated in the same manner as family members of EU citizens, regardless of their citizenship, if

- the relative is, in the country of departure, dependent on the EU citizen who has the primary right of residence or the relative lived in the same household with the EU citizen in question, or
- the relative strictly requires the personal care of the EU citizen in question on serious health grounds.