



# Checklist for visa application

## Visiting family/friends

Applications should be submitted in person (also babies and children) and the following documents must be submitted:

- For every document, you must provide the original and one copy.
- The documents are to be presented in (or translated to) Dutch, English, French or Spanish.
- The documents submitted will not be returned. Only the travel document will be returned.

### 1. Application

1.1 A completed and signed Schengen [visa application form](#).

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

### 2. Travel Documents

2.1 A passport or other travel document.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

Please note:

- Your passport or travel document must be valid for at least 3 months from the date on which you leave the Schengen area.
- Your passport or travel document must have at least 2 empty visa pages.
- Your passport or travel document cannot have been issued more than 10 years ago.

Additional requirements for minors (under 18 years)

2.2 Original and copy of birth certificate.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

2.3 Copy of both parents' ID-cards and passports, if applicable (all pages containing any type of information).

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

2.4 Legalized written consent letter from both parents if the minor travels alone, or from the parent that is not accompanying the child when travelling.

- Yes
- No



- Remarks
- 2.5 If either one of the parent is absent or deceased this must be supported by the information on the birth certificate or a death certificate when applicable.
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks
- 2.6 If the legal guardian is someone else apart from the biological parent as stated in the birth certificate a custody order must be submitted proving the legal guardianship.
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks
- 2.7 A letter from school containing the minor's name, name of parents, grade, number of years at school, school holidays, contact details, date and name of school representative.
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks
- 2.8 If the minor travels with a group: a complete list of names of all group members travelling and name of person in charge of the group.
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks

### 3. Evidence of legal residence

- 3.1 Copy of valid Ethiopian residence permit. The residence permit should be valid for at least 3 months after the planned stay in the territory of the Member States. In case the applicant does not intend to return to Ethiopia: proof that the entry to country of origin or any other third country is guaranteed.
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks

### 4. Photo

- 4.1 A passport photo that meets Dutch passport requirements. This photo cannot have been taken more than 6 months ago and must bear a clear resemblance.  
See: [photo guidelines](#).
  - Yes
  - No
  - Remarks

### 5. Proof of travel

Note: make travel reservations which you can cancel, in case your visa request will be refused.

- 5.1 Invitation, including a free text invitation letter. See [proof of sponsorship form](#). Minimum requirements:



- Name and address of both host and applicant;
- Relation between host and applicant;
- Purpose and duration of stay (date of arrival and departure);
- Indication of person covering the costs;
- If host is paying for the trip, documentation on occupational / financial situation of the host.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.2 Preliminary ticket booking or travel itinerary (it is not necessary to buy a flight ticket at this stage).

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.3 Proof of accommodation.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.4 Recent bank statement covering the minimum last three months and/or personal bank saving book.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.5 Any other documents relating to the applicant's financial status and personal ties in Ethiopia, such as title deeds or lease agreements for property, vehicle registration card, etc., marriage certificate, birth certificate/s of children.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.6 Employed persons:

A dated and signed letter from the current employer containing the following information:

- the applicant's personal data, function/profession;
- terms of employment (temporary or permanent);
- starting date of employment;
- monthly net salary;
- granted leave days;
- date and contact details of the employer.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks



5.7 Self-employed persons:

Original:

- trade/business license;
- tax registration;
- business registration (city administration)
- bank statement for business account (for the last three months, as a minimum).

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

5.8 Retired persons:

Documents proving the pension or other financial support.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

## 6. Proof of health insurance

6.1 The insurance policy has been taken out in your name.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

6.2 Your insurance is valid throughout the Schengen area and for the duration of your stay.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

6.3 At least € 30.000 of medical costs are reimbursed, including hospital care, emergency treatment and repatriation (including in the event of death).

If your insurer will not provide an official document of this nature, you should take out travel insurance with appropriate medical coverage for this trip with one that does.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

## 7. Visa

7.1 A visa, residence permit or passport which gives entry to your final destination after your visit to the Schengen area.

- Yes



- No
- Remarks

## 8. Payment

8.1 Payment of the visa fee.

- Yes
- No
- Remarks

### **Please be aware of the following:**

- You will not have your passport in your possession during the process of the visa application.
- An application without the complete set of documents according to the above mentioned checklist may result in a rejection of your visa application.
- In case of refusal, visa fees are not refundable.

*List of documents to be presented by visa applicants from Ethiopia according to the Commission Implementing Decision of 30-8-2017 by the European Commission, in conformity with the list of supporting documents.*