



Checklist for visa facilitation | Brexit Withdrawal Agreement

If you lived in the UK with your Dutch family member before January 1, 2021, the Brexit withdrawal agreement applies to you. You can apply for visa facilitation if you meet the following 6 conditions:

1. You and your Dutch family member had an established family relationship on or before 31 December 2020. The family relationship still exists. You can prove this with a birth certificate or marriage certificate. In this case, a family member is a: spouse, registered partner, parent or stepparent, grandparent or stepgrandparent, child or stepchild, or grandchild or stepgrandchild.
2. Your Dutch family member moved to the UK on or before 31 December 2020.
3. You and your Dutch family member lived in the UK for at least 3 consecutive months.
4. You and your Dutch family member lived in the UK under EU law. Your Dutch family member was registered there as an EU national, for instance. You had a valid residence document for the UK as a family member of an EU national.
5. You are travelling to join your Dutch family member in the Netherlands. Or your Dutch family member is travelling to the Netherlands together with you.
6. You need a visa to travel to the Netherlands. If you are unsure whether you need a visa, check the [Visa Advisor](#).

Which documents do you need to submit?

☐ 1. Application form

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

☐ 2. Travel Documents

A valid passport or other travel document. The passport may not be older than 10 years, must have at least 2 blank (visa) pages and must be valid for at least 3 months after the intended departure from the Schengen area.

☐ 3. Passport photograph

A passport photograph meeting the Dutch requirements: not older than 6 months, 35x45 mm in color, preferably biometric and on a white background.

When you personally submit your visa application to VFS application centre it is not necessary to submit a passport photograph. At the VFS location a digital photo will be taken as part of the biometric process. See the [photo specification guidelines 2020](#).



☐ **4. Application for a minor**

Is the application for a Schengen visa for a minor and is he traveling alone or with 1 parent? In that case the following documents are required:

- Original (Legalised) birth certificate of the minor;
- An original [declaration of consent](#) from both parents/ legal guardians, stating that the minor can travel;
- Photocopy of parent(s)/legal guardian(s) identity document(s) bearing a signature of the parent(s);
- If applicable: a court judgement stating which parent has been allocated parental responsibility for the minor.

☐ **5. Family relationship**

Proof of the family relationship with the Dutch citizen with whom you lived together in the UK before or on 31 December 2020 and with whom or to who you are traveling in the Netherlands. For example: a (legalised) birth certificate, marriage certificate or official partnership agreement.

☐ **6. Proof of right to free movement on the basis of this Withdrawal Agreement**

For your Dutch family member: a (current) passport with “endorsement” from the Home Office, an Immigration Status Document or Application Registration Card showing that he/she started living in the UK before or on 31 December 2020;

For you as an applicant: photocopy of your [\(pre\)-settlement status visa](#).

☐ **7. Evidence of UK residence**

Proof that you and your Dutch family member lived in the UK for at least 3 consecutive months before or on 31 December 2020. You can prove this by, for example, submitting documents from the Council Tax, electricity bill or any other utility bill stating both of your names.



☐ 8. Itinerary / Ticket reservation

In order to enable assessment whether you are indeed entitled to claim visa facilitation under the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement, you are advised to also submit the following documents:

- Itinerary or ticket reservation in your name (not a ticket) of your trip to join your Dutch family member in the Netherlands;
- If you are traveling together with your Dutch family member: also your family member's itinerary or ticket reservation (not a ticket).

Please note: make a (flight) reservation that may eventually be cancelled by you.

Please refer to this checklist when submitting your application, so that it is clear that you are applying for a facilitation visa as a family member of a Dutch national on the basis of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement.

If you qualify for this visa under the above mentioned 6 conditions, you are exempt from paying the visa fees. However, a service fee must be paid at all times when you submit your application to a third-party service provider, such as VFS Global.

Please note the following:

- Hand in the original and a copy of each document, excluding the visa application form, your passport and the passport pictures;
- (Translated) documents must be submitted in the Dutch, English, French or Spanish language;
- The documents you submitted will not be returned, with the exception of your travel document and original source documents, such as a birth or marriage certificate;
- You will not be in possession of your passport during the visa application process.



I understand that for the processing of my visa application, I (or my authorised representative) have to submit all the above-mentioned documents. I accept that if I do not submit all requested documents my visa application can be refused and I will not receive a refund of the consular fees.

During the submission of my application I have been made aware that if documents from the checklist are missing, I am allowed to come back within 2 working days without an appointment to submit a full set of documents. I understand I will need to make a new online appointment if I am unable to acquire the missing documents within 2 working days.

Signature of the applicant

Signature of ESP

We advise you to take a (copy) of all your documents with you during your planned trip in case of questions from immigration or border control authorities.