



Gobal overview of spouse* work permits

Once family member resident visa obtained



* Definition of spouse and partner vary

Open work permit
Can work for any employer or be self-employed

Europeans in EU/EEA**,
Argentina, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France
Germany (settlement permit), Hong Kong,
Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, UK, US (L/E visas)

**excl. transition arrangements for new member states

Work permit linked to employer
Procedure < 4 weeks

Belgium, Germany (intra-company transferees)
Ireland, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Japan (< 28 hr./week), Malaysia,
Singapore

Work permit linked to employer. Skills or employment market test, quotas, or may need to return to home country.
Procedure > 4 weeks.....

Brazil, Brunei, China, Colombia, Egypt, Gabon,
India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan (>28 hr./wk.), Korea,
Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru,
Philippines, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka,
Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey,
US (H1B visa)

Simplified illustration