



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, Italy, Netherlands
New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, 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, 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, Japan (>28 hr./wk.), Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, US (H1B, O visas)

Simplified illustration, may apply to specific permits