

**FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH A EUROPEAN CITIZEN RESIDENT**  
**IN BELGIUM (art 40bis / directive 2004/38/EC)**

Visa for persons wanting to join their family member being a European citizen with residence in Belgium or wanting to join their family member being married or having a legal cohabitation with a European citizen resident in Belgium **will apply for a Visa C.**

**IMPORTANT**

The EU directive 2004/38/EC:

A citizen of the European Union has the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the European Member States. His family members enjoy the same right, irrespective of their nationality. The conditions for the exercise of, and the limitations upon the right to move and reside freely within the European Member States are laid down by directive 2004/38/EC.

When you apply for a visa to join your family member being a European citizen with residence in Belgium or your family member being married or having a legal cohabitation with a European citizen in Belgium you will be issued a C visa to join him/her.

These rules don't apply for Belgian citizens living/residing in Belgium if they have never lived for minimum 3 months in another country of the EU before returning to Belgium.

**Required documents:**

1. A valid travel document (passport) in which a visa can be affixed. This travel document must be valid for 15 months minimum. *Additionally, for non-Ugandans/non South Sudanese, a valid residence permit for Uganda valid for a minimum of 12 months .*
2. An online VOW visa application form correctly filled in and signed together with two recent color passport photos bearing a true likeness to the applicant. <https://visaonweb.diplomatie.be/>
3. Copy of the identity page of your passport
4. Evidence that there is an EU citizen who opens the right to move and reside within the EU (copy of passport/ residence permit in Belgium)
5. Proof that applicant is a member of the family of this EU citizen
  - **For spouses:** marriage certificate legalized (+ if applicable divorce certificate or death certificate of former spouse/marriage)
  - **For children** (= under 21 years): birth certificate legalized and if applicable parental authorization of the parent staying behind legalized
6. Proof that applicant accompanies or joins this EU citizen
7. Proof that the EU citizen travels to an EU country other than his/her own or evidence that he/she is already resident there.

