

FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH A NON-EU CITIZEN (art 10)

Visa D for persons wanting to join their spouse or parent being a non-European citizen resident in Belgium.

IMPORTANT

Before submitting the visa application, all foreign official documents must be legalized consecutively by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country that issued the documents and by the competent Embassy of Belgium. For more information on legalization check: <http://diplomatie.belgium.be/nigeria/>

All files must consist of one set of original documents + 2 complete sets of clear, legible photocopies of every original document submitted (passport included).

When you apply for this type of visa an additional fee to Home Office might have to be paid. Please check the list 'extra fee' to find out if and which amount you have to pay. The additional fee has to be paid **before** submission of the visa application.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ❖ If applicable, proof of payment of the additional fee to Home Office Brussels.
- ❖ A travel document (e.g. national passport) valid for at least 12 months, in which a visa can be affixed.
- ❖ Two visa application forms duly completed, signed and accompanied by two recent passport photos bearing a true likeness to the applicant. Do not forget to note a correct and legible email address where we can contact you.
- ❖ A copy of the residence permit (both sides) and passport of the person being joined.
- ❖ Legalized Birth Certificate
- ❖ Proof of family ties with the person being joined:
 - For spouses: legalized marriage certificate (+ if applicable divorce certificate or death certificate of former marriage)
 - For children (= under 18 years): legalized birth certificate (or declaration of age + NPC birth attestation)
- ❖ For children only: legalized parental authorization of the parent staying behind or legalized authorization of your guardian.
- ❖ If you are over 18 years old, a certificate attesting the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law issued not more than six months prior to the date of application – legalized Police Character Certificate
- ❖ A medical certificate filled out by a Belgian Embassy approved medical doctor issued not more than six months prior to the date of application. Please check the list of approved medical practitioners.
- ❖ Proof that the person being joined holds health insurance covering himself and the members of his family joining him.
- ❖ Proof that the person being joined has sufficient accommodation (registered lease or registered property deed).

- ❖ Proof that the person being joined has stable, regular and sufficient income. This proof does not have to be provided if the person is being joined by a child only.
- ❖ In addition to the proof that the person being joined has stable, regular and sufficient income he can submit all documents giving Home Office a correct picture of his financial situation, his needs and the needs of his family.

Documents should be arranged in the above order and be followed by their copies in the same order.

Additional documents may be requested by the Embassy and applicants may also be invited for an interview.

Generally a decision will be taken within 6 months after the submission of the visa application. However in some cases this period can be extended two times for a period of 3 months.

The above mentioned type D visa is a national long stay visa and requires registration in the Belgian population registers on arrival.

A complete file does not necessarily guarantee the issuance of a visa. Furthermore an incomplete file often results in a visa refusal.

RECOMMENDATION

For more detailed information regarding visa (different types of visa, documents to be presented, conditions, exceptions, processing times, etc) please consult the website of the Federal Public Service Home Affairs - Immigration Office: www.dofi.fgov.be