



## Checklist for **COHABITATION**

\*For national of a third country outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and who is travelling to declare a cohabitation with a Belgian citizen or a foreigner residing in Belgium temporarily (Card A or H) or for unlimited duration (holding a CIRE or CIE, or a B, C, D, F or F+ residence card) **see NOTE**.

**It is essential that your file contain the following:  
The original documents. The originals will be returned to you.**

### **Passport**

A valid passport:

- should have been issued within the previous 10 years;
- should be valid at least 3 months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen territory or, in the case of several visits, after the last intended date of departure;
- should contain at least 2 empty pages when applying for the visa.

Please provide one copy of the passport (the empty pages don't need to be copied).

### **Copy of ID**

One copy of the Chinese identity card, the Chinese temporary residence card (if any) or the Chinese residence permit (for foreigners).

### **Application form**

One application form

- duly filled in,
- signed (two times: at the point nr 37 **AND** on the last page!) **AND**
- dated

by the applicant.

Please follow the link to the application form [online \(ENG-FR-NL-DE\)](#).

### **Photo**

One passport photo not older than 6 months with the [following specifications](#).

### **Administrative fee**

The applicant has to provide the proof of payment of the [administrative fee](#) at the submission of his/her application. If this is not the case, the visa application is not admissible.

## Relationship

Proof of the permanent and stable character of the relationship.

## Age

- Birth certificate of the applicant
- OR**
- Proof that both parties are aged over 21 years old
- OR**
- Proof that both parties are aged over 18 years old if they cohabited for at least one year prior the arrival in Belgium of the joined partner).

## Celibacy (Proof that **both** parties are single).

- Applicant
    - Chinese certificate of celibacy together with a translation in English/French/Dutch, both **notarized** and **provided with an apostille** by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- OR**
- Chinese certificate of divorce together with a translation in English/French/Dutch, both **notarized** and **provided with an apostille** by Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

In case the applicant is from another country than China, he/she should submit a certificate issued by the relevant authorities of that foreign country legalized by the Belgian Embassy/Consulate abroad or with an apostille (where applicable).

- The person to be joined in Belgium
  - Proof that the partner the applicant is going to live with in Belgium is not married or in another registered relationship

## Travel insurance policy

The insurance must be valid throughout all of the Schengen countries and must cover the whole duration of the stay or transit. The minimum cover is EUR 30,000.

The insurance must cover the cost of repatriation on medical grounds, urgent medical treatment and/or urgent hospital treatment or costs incurred in the event of death while in the Schengen area.

## Medical Certificate

A medical certificate attesting that the applicant is not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health. This certificate must be no older than 6 months from the date of issuance. The specific form must be signed and stamped by an [approved hospital](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to find the pdf-document with the approved hospitals).

**Non Criminal Record Certificate (for applicant over 18 years old)**

**Chinese** certificate attesting to the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law, together with a translation in French/Dutch/German, both **notarized** and **provided with an apostille** by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This certificate must be no older than 6 months from date of issuance.

In case the applicant resided in a foreign country before applying, he/she should additionally submit a certificate issued by the relevant authorities of that foreign country legalized by the Belgian Embassy/Consulate abroad or with an apostil (where applicable).

**Copy of ID Card/residence permit of the person to be joined in Belgium**

A copy of the identity card of the Belgian citizen or a copy of the residence permit of the foreigner (Card A, B, C, D, F, F+ or H) the applicant is joining in Belgium.

**Sufficient Accommodation**

Proof that the person to be joined has [sufficient accommodation](#).

**Solvency of the person to be joined**

Proof that the person to be joined has [sufficient personal means of subsistence](#) to meet his/her own needs and those of the members of his/her family and avoid them becoming a burden on the public authorities.

**Mutual Insurance Company**

Proof that the person to be joined is affiliated to a [Mutual Insurance Company](#) (Mutualiteit/Mutualité).

**NOTE**

**\*The applicant who is going to live together with a citizen of the European Union (not a Belgian citizen) or of the European Economic Area (EEA), or a Swiss citizen or a Belgian citizen who had legal residence in another EU country prior settling in Belgium, should apply for a visa based on EU Directive 2004/38/CR (see specific information list).**

**Applicants who cannot enclose all documents from the list, should consider adding alternatives or making an explanation about the reason for not handing them in.**

**The Embassy/Consulate may in justified individual cases, request additional documents during the examination of an application which are not mentioned in the above harmonized list. The applicant is hereby informed that submitting the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.**

**The documents drawn up abroad in a language other than Dutch, French or German are to be translated in accordance with the original by a sworn translator. The translation must be provided with an apostille as a separate document in line with the procedure laid down in the country of origin, and then by the competent Belgian consulate or Embassy.**

**Chinese notarized certificates have to be authenticated by the relevant Foreign Affairs Bureau of your province/Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing. They should not be older than six months.**