



KINGDOM OF BELGIUM
Federal Public Service
**Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and
Development Cooperation**



Checklist for **FAMILY REUNION** (Art. 10 – Unlimited residence permit)

Foreigners of third countries who want to reunite with foreigners of third countries (non-EU and non-Belgian) who have the right to stay in Belgium for an unlimited period.

It is essential that your file contains the following:

You must lodge the original documents, plus two (2) sets of photocopies of these documents. The originals will be returned to you.

Passport

A valid passport:

- should have been issued within the previous 10 years;
- should be valid for more than 12 months;
- 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 your Chinese identity card, temporary residence card (if any) or of your residence permit (for foreigner)

Application form

Three (3) application forms duly filled in, signed (two times: at point nr 37 AND on the last page!) and dated by the applicant.

This form is available free of charge online or at VFS and Embassy/Consulates. You complete it in French, Dutch, German or, if you do not have a command of any of the national languages, ideally in English.

Any person appearing in your travel document must complete a separate application form. Minor children must submit an application form signed by a person with parental authority or by a legal guardian.

Please follow the link to the application form [online](#) .

Photo

Three (3) recent (no more than 6-months old) passport size photographs with the [following specifications](#) should be affixed to the application form.

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.

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

Proof of relationship

Spouse:

- Your marriage certificate: i.e. a true certified copy in the **notarized** and **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs** form of your red marriage booklet
- In case of previous divorce or widowhood: Your **notarized** certificate of divorce / death of spouse **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Registered partner:

- Proof registered partnership
- Proof durable and stable relationship
- Proof of celibacy/divorce/widowhood

Children under 18:

- A **notarized** birth certificate mentioning the name of both parents **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- In case the parents are divorced: a true certified (**notarized** and **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**) copy of the divorce decision mentioning to whom of the parents the full guardianship was entrusted
- A **notarized** authorization from the parent, stating that the child can permanently leave **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- In case the child was adopted, a notarized adoption certificate **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- In case a parent has deceased: a notarized death certificate **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- Proof of celibacy must be added if the child has reached the legal age to marry : **notarized** certificate **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Medical Certificate

A medical certificate attesting that you are not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health. This certificate must not be older than 6 months from the date of issuance. The specific form must be signed and stamped by a [recognized hospital](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to find the pdf-document with the approved hospitals).

Non-Criminal Record Certificate

If you are aged over 18, a **notarized** certificate **provided with an apostille from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs** attesting to the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law, together with a translation. This certificate must not be older than 6 months from the date of issuance.

Sufficient Accommodation

Proof that the party being joined has **sufficient accommodation** : a registered rental contract or proof of property in Belgium.

Solvency of the person to be joined

Proof that the person being joined has **sufficient personal means of subsistence** to meet his own needs and those of the members of his family and avoid them becoming a burden on the public authorities.

This condition doesn't apply when the person **is being joined by a child under 18 without any other applicants asking for family reunion at the same time.**

Mutual Insurance Company / Travel Insurance

Proof that the person to be joined is affiliated to a **Mutual Insurance Company** (Mutualiteit / Mutualité) covering the risks for himself and the members of his family.

Or

Proof applicant has a valid travel insurance for at least 90 days from date of entry into Schengen.

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.

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.

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

Please note that our Embassy/Consulate General 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.