



Checklist for **MARRIAGE IN BELGIUM**

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

**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.

The relationship

A chronological history of the relationship with the future spouse.

Age

- Applicant
 - Birth certificate;
OR
Proof that he/she is over 18 years old if marrying a Belgian citizen
OR
Proof that he/she is over 21 years old if marrying a foreign national.

- Future spouse
 - Proof that your future spouse is aged over 18 years old if he/she is a Belgian citizen
OR
Proof that your future spouse is aged over 21 years old if he/she is a foreign national.

Deed of Declaration of Marriage

A copy of the deed of declaration of marriage established by the city hall in Belgium where the marriage will be celebrated within the 6 months prior to the visa application.

Travel insurance policy

The insurance must be valid throughout all 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 you are 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** from 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 months 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 apostille (where applicable).

Copy of ID Card/residence permit of the future spouse in Belgium

Copy of the identity card of the Belgian citizen

OR

Copy of the residence permit of the foreigner national (Card A, B, C, D, F, F+ or H) the applicant is marrying in Belgium.

Sufficient Accommodation

Proof that the future spouse in Belgium has [sufficient accommodation](#).

Solvency of the person to be joined

Proof that the future spouse in Belgium has [sufficient personal means of subsistence](#) to meet his/her own needs and those of the members of his 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 is going to marry 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 base 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.