



Checklist for  
**RETURN C (short-stay)**  
**(Right to return to Belgium for F or F+ Card)**

**You are no longer in possession of your F or F+ residence permit, whether it is still valid or expired; You do not automatically have the right to return to Belgium.**

You apply for the authorization to return by submitting an application for a C visa.

- 1. The re-entry visa may be issued if you prove that you have been in possession of a valid F or F+ residence permit, without having exceeded the duration of the authorized absence:**

**F Card**

You left Belgium less than a year ago.

**F+ Card**

You left the Belgium less than 24 months in a row.

- 2. In each other case, or in case of doubts on point 1, your right to return will be examined on the merits by the Immigration Office in Belgium.**

**In case of loss or theft, please cancel your card immediately by DOCSTOP [www.docstop.be](http://www.docstop.be)**

**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](#) .

**Photo**

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

**Passport + copy**

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 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).

Needs to contain the Schengen border crossing stamps (to determine when the last time was when you have left the Schengen territory). If the Schengen border crossing stamps are in a previous passport, include a scanned copy of this passport as well.

**In case of absence of the Schengen border crossing stamps**

Proof of the last departure from Belgium AND/OR of your presence in Belgium just before your departure, justifying that you have not left Belgium for longer than the authorized absence (see above)

Add nominative and punctual documents, such as your last boarding pass, a receipt for a medical examination, a last payslip, banking transactions with your Belgian debit card in Belgium visible on your banking history, various certificates, ...

**Copy of your valid/expired Belgian residence permit****In case of loss or theft of the Belgian residence permit**

Report the loss/theft to the Chinese police authorities, the police report must be translated into English or one of the national languages of Belgium.

**NOTE**

**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.**