



LIST OF DOCUMENTS

VISIT TO FAMILY OR FRIENDS

- Applicants who cannot enclose all documents from the list should consider adding alternatives or explain the reasons for not providing them
- During the examination of the application the Embassy may request additional documents which are not mentioned in below list and may call the applicant for an interview
- Documents issued by local authorities must be legalized by the Ministry Foreign Affairs and afterwards by the Belgian Embassy
- Any documents submitted in languages other than English, French, Dutch or German will not be considered
- Applicants are hereby informed that submission of the below-mentioned documents doesn't guarantee automatic issuance of a visa
- Processing time differs from case to case. Therefore, in order to avoid delays, it is advisable to apply well in advance before the departure date
- Applicants have the possibility to apply for a visa already six months in advance and at least 15 days before the travelling date
- In principle, the processing time is between 1-3 weeks. In case the visa application has to be submitted to the Foreigner's Office in Brussels, the processing time will be approximately 4-6 weeks and might exceed this duration during summer time or other special occasions
- **An incomplete file will most probably lead to a visa refusal**
- Visa fees are non-refundable

Remarks

This checklist comprises all documents that are part of my visa-application. I understand that the Embassy will decide on my visa-application based on these documents only. I also understand that in exceptional cases additional documents may be requested by the Embassy, even documents that do not feature on this list at all.

Applicant's signature: _____

VFS Officer's signature: _____

APPLICATION FORMYES NO

- Irrespective of age, each individual requires a separate application form, printed from <https://visaonweb.diplomatie.be/>
- The application form should be fully filled in, signed on both pages and dated by the applicant.
- For children under 18 years, the application form should be signed by a person with parental authority or by a legal guardian.
- The current address, local contact number and email address should be provided.

PHOTOYES NO

- One passport photo not older than 6 months, compliant to ICAO standards

ORIGINAL PASSPORTYES NO

- The residence permit and the passport should be valid for at least three months longer than the intended stay or, in case of multiple journeys, the date on which the applicant intends to leave for the last time
- The passport must have been issued within the last 10 years, must be in a good shape and have at least 2 empty pages
- Copies of previous Schengen visas (from the past 3 years only)
- Copies of entry and exit stamps to Schengen zone (from the past 3 years only)
- Copies of other respective countries' visas could be provided (UK, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia,...)

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION (ONLY FOR MINORS)YES NO N/A

- Minors travelling alone or with persons other than their parents need a declaration of authorization to travel, signed by both parents or a legal guardian. This declaration must be legalized by the local authorities, then by the Embassy
- Minors travelling with one of their parents need written permission from the other parent. In this case too, the declaration must be legalized by the local authorities, then by the Embassy

LANGUAGE PREFERENCE FORMYES NO

- The applicant has the opportunity to choose one of the Belgian three national languages in which the application will be treated
- If it chooses to complete the application in English, he/she must choose "no preference"

EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS / INCOMEYES NO

- For an employee
 - A stamped and signed employment certificate mentioning the designation, date of employment, salary, the purpose of visit and financial arrangements. The letter should also include the intended travel dates
- For a business owner / partner
 - A copy of the Trade, Professional or Commercial License
- For a school / University student
 - Proof of registration at the school / University
 - Proof of payment of the fees

- Permission for absence mentioning the intended travel dates
- For an educational trip, the school should contact the consular department in advance, before travelers submit their application
- For a minor
 - A copy of the parents' passports and residence visas
 - Original bank statements of the person in charge, for the past three months, showing regular income and of the saving account if necessary
 - An original signed and stamped employment letter of the person in charge mentioning the designation, date of employment, salary, the purpose of visit and financial arrangements
- For housewives / dependents / unemployed applicants
 - A commitment to take charge (Annex 3 bis) <https://dofi.ibz.be/fr/themas/faq/engagement-de-prise-en-charge>
 - A copy of the guarantor's ID and/or residence permit
 - A stamped and signed employment certificate of the guarantor, mentioning the designation, date of employment and salary
or
 - For a business owner / partner, a copy of the Trade, Professional or Commercial License and
 - an original certificate of family composition of the guarantor, issued by his/her municipality in Belgium

INVITATION LETTER

YES

NO

- An invitation letter signed by the relative/friend, containing the address at which the applicant is going to stay
- A copy of the Belgian ID or residence card of the family member/friend the applicant intends to visit

FLIGHT RESERVATION

YES

NO

- Only a round-trip flight reservation is required, the original ticket might be requested at the collection of the visa

HOTEL RESERVATION

YES

NO

- A hotel reservation which covers the whole duration of stay in the Schengen area
- The reservation should clearly state the visa applicant's full name, dates of accommodation, the hotel address and contact details and be guaranteed with a valid credit card
- If the traveler's owns a house or rents an apartment in Belgium, a copy of the contract should be provided

TRAVEL PLAN

YES

NO

- A detailed daily program of the stay, taking into consideration that if the applicant is travelling to Belgium and/or more than one Schengen country, it is necessary to include the information on means of transportation (flight reservations, train connections, etc.) and accommodation (hotel reservations)

TRAVEL INSURANCE CERTIFICATEYES NO

- An insurance certificate covering the whole period of stay - All medical expenses including emergency hospital treatment and repatriation for the period of the stay and valid for the whole Schengen territory (coverage of at least 30.000 EUR)
- It should also clearly mention that medical costs related to Covi-19 will be covered

PROOF OF SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL MEANSYES NO

- Personal bank statements from the last three months showing regular income (salary, pension, etc...)
- If the applicant is the owner of a company or a partner, he/she can submit the bank statement of the company with a letter from the bank proving he/she is a signatory on the bank account. Bank statements should not be credit card statements
- If there is not enough balance on the checkings account, applicants should additionally provide bank statements of the savings accounts for the last 3 months. - The bank statements must show the applicant's name, and be stamped and signed by the bank's representative
- Cash is not accepted as a proof of funds
- For retired persons: proof of pension or other regular income
- For unemployed adults/unaccompanied minors/students: guarantor's personal bank statements from the last three months showing regular income
- Please highlight the regular income on the bank statements

PROOF OF THE PERMANENT AND STABLE CHARACTER OF THE RELATIONSHIP (FOR *DE FACTO* PARTNERS)YES NO

- A history of the relationship and proof of the permanent and stable character of the relationship (photographs, letters, mails, telephone bills, money transfers, copies of previous visas and immigration stamps, signed declarations of friends and relatives, proof of holidays together, etc.)