



VISA D - APPLICATION – Family reunion with spouse/registered partner who is a Belgian (Art.40 ter, law of 15.12.1980)

Foreigners of third countries (non-EU citizen) who want to reunite with their spouse/registered partner (non-EU citizen), who is a Belgian.

Embassy check	Applicant check	Document number	Original and/or copy	Description of the document
		1.	1 original	This checklist , with boxes 'applicant check' ticked and documents in the sequence of this checklist, in two separate sets.
		2.	2 originals	visa application form duly completed. Signed and dated in field 36+37 as well as on the last page of the form.
		3.	1 original, 1 copy	Document to choose the language in which you would like to be informed about the decision in your visa application
		4.	2 originals	Passport-sized photo (not older than 6 months) according to the ICAO regulations .
		5.	2 copies	Copy of the first three pages of your valid passport/travel document , including the page with your name and the expiry date and a copy of all the pages containing visa and entry-exit stamps. Empty pages don't need to be copied. A valid passport/travel document: - must be issued less than 10 years ago; - contains at least two facing empty visa pages; - is valid for at least 12 more months at the moment your visa can be issued.
		6.	2 copies	Copy of your German resident permit (Aufenthaltstitel/Fiktionsbescheinigung/Blue Card or equivalent), if applicable a copy of the front and back side and any extra paper provided with your residence permit (Zusatzblatt). Your residence permit must be valid till at least the moment your visa can be issued (date of application + at least one month).
		7.	Original + 1 copy	Original certificate of good conduct , issued less than 6 months ago and covering the past 12 months. If necessary from different countries where you lived during the past twelve months. The German certificate of good conduct (<i>Führungszeugnis</i>) can be applied for at the local German town hall of your place of residence or at the Federal Office of Justice (<i>Bundesamt für Justiz</i>). German documents don't need to be translated, nor legalized/bear an apostille.
		8.	Original + 1 copy	Original medical certificate , issued less than 6 months ago, attesting that you are not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health. The specific form must be properly completed, signed and stamped by a doctor of your

				choice in Germany.
		9.	Original + 1 copy	<p>Proof of relationship</p> <p>For married partners: A legalized copy of your marriage certificate, issued less than 6 months ago.</p> <p>For registered partners: a legalized copy of the certificate of registered partnership/civil union, not older than 6 months AND a proof that your relationship is long-lasting and stable.</p> <p>For registered partners: <i>for both parties:</i> proof that you and your partner don't have a long-lasting, stable relationship with another person.</p> <p><i>In case of previous marriage(s):</i> legalized copy of the divorce certificate(s) <i>In case you were widowed:</i> Copy of death certificate of your previous spouse/partner</p> <p>Official documents issued abroad must be legalized or bear an apostille, depending on the country whence they originated, unless a treaty provides for exemption from this process. Documents issued abroad in a language other than Dutch, English, French or German must be translated by a sworn translator. The translation must be legalized 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.</p>
		10.	2 copies	Copy of the Belgian identity card of your spouse/registered partner (front and back side)
		11.	2 copies	<p>Proof of health insurance</p> <p>A proof of health insurance, showing that your spouse/partner is medically insured in Belgium, covering all risks for himself and for you. This can only be done by means of the following form (in Dutch) or (in French) from the Belgian public health insurance.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A copy of private travel insurance of the visa applicant, valid in Belgium and covering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minimum of 30.000 € medical costs per person - valid for at least the first 3 months of your stay in Belgium - mentions the names of all family members involved <p>It is important that the following costs are included: repatriation on medical grounds, urgent medical treatment and/or urgent hospital treatment and death.</p> <p>Please send us a copy of the entire contract of the private insurance.</p>

		12.	2 copies	Proof of solvency of the person to be joined in Belgium Proof that the person being joined has stable, regular and sufficient financial means of subsistence to meet his/her own needs and those of the members of his/her family, to avoid them becoming dependent on the Belgian public authorities (e.g. proof of scholarship, copy of the employment contract, pay slips of the last 6 months);
		13.	2 copies	Proof of sufficient housing in Belgium a <u>registered</u> rental contract or proof of real estate ownership in Belgium (for the apartment/house where your spouse/partner is officially registered).
		14.	Original +1 copy	Contribution fee Proof of payment of the contribution fee to be transferred to the account of the Ministry of Interior in Brussels prior to sending of the visa application. The amount paid must cover both the administrative fee <u>and any bank charges</u> (please check with your banking institution before paying the fee). The Immigration office will check whether the amount received fully covers the administrative fee. This contribution is to be paid on top of the handling fee. For information, procedure and exceptions : click here . Bank details: Bpost n.v., Muntcentrum, B-1000 Brussel. Beneficiary: FOD Binnenlandse zaken, Dienst Vreemdelingenzaken, Antwerpsesteenweg 59B, B-100 Brussel. Account Information: IBAN: BE57 6792 0060 9235 BIC: PCHQBEBB Reference: Family name & First name of applicant (as mentioned in the passport), nationality, date of birth: day (DD)-month (MM)-year (YYYY).

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT:

- The visa processing time (as from date of receipt of the application) is at least 10 working days.
- My application will only be eligible for processing when the submitted file is complete.
- Additional documents may be requested.
- Any changes in my personal situation or the situation of the person to be joined, needs to be communicated to the Belgian Embassy
- My application has to be send to the Belgian Immigration Office for approval, when crucial information is missing or when I'm the registered partner. In this case a decision will be taken within 6-9 months.
- Visa applications can only be submitted via regular registered post.
- ALL documents included cannot be older than 6 months.

- Official documents issued abroad must be legalized or bear an apostille, depending on the country whence they originated, unless a treaty provides for exemption from this process. More information on the legalization of documents, can be found under [here](#). Documents issued abroad in a language other than Dutch, English, French or German must be translated by a sworn translator.
- For all accompanying family members a separate and complete file needs to be submitted.
- All applicants aged 6 and more, applying for a long-term visa (D) to stay in Belgium, will need to have their biometric data (10 fingerprints + digital picture) registered at the Belgian embassy in Berlin before the visa can be issued.

Applicant's signature: