

Visa C - for COHABITATION with BELGIAN or NON-EU citizen

Required documents:

1. National passport into which a visa can be affixed and which is valid for more than 12 months
2. Completed and signed national Belgian visa application form with 1 recent color photograph (5x3cm) with white background glued on the application form : [Welcome to VFS Global | vfsglobal](#)
3. Copy of the identity page of your passport

A) From the partner to be joined in Belgium

4. Copy of the residence permit (front + back) or Belgian ID card
5. Certificate of civil status proving that you are not married or in an official partnership at the moment
6. Proof that the person being joined has sufficient accommodation: Copy of proof of ownership of a house/apartment or a copy of the rental contract.
7. Proof that the person being joined has stable, regular and sufficient 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. Please find more information on this subject via the following link: [Formal obligation | IBZ](#)
8. Proof that the person being joined holds health insurance covering the risks in Belgium for himself or herself (mutualiteit/mutualité)

OR

Copy of Private travel insurance of the visa applicant, valid in Belgium and covering a minimum of 30.000€ medical costs for a minimum period of 3 months. Please refer for the list of recognized local insurance companies via following link: [Updated list Insurance Companies-Mar-26](#)

B) From the visa applicant

9. The documents indicating that you have sufficient personal means of subsistence: copy of updated bank statement/bank book or proof of your profession and copy of recent pay slips etc.

OR

Original of guarantee letter “3bis” issued by the city hall in Belgium with its annexes + 1 copy [Formal obligation | IBZ](#)

10. Certificate of civil status proving that you are not married at the moment

OR

11. Copy of divorce certificate

OR

12. Copy of death certificate of your previous spouse / partner

13. Medical certificate from our panel doctor(+1 copy) attesting that the applicant is not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health [Certificat médical | IBZ](#)

14. Certificate attesting to the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law (+1 copy) (National Police clearance certificate from passport office + Apostille from MEA)

C) From Both partner

15. Proof of stable and permanent character of your 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.)

Remarks:

1. The applicant has to submit his/her application by him/herself. . **(All the documents issued by a government authority should be submitted in original)**

2. Please make another set of copies (legible) of all documents mentioned above (front and back). Documents have to be arranged in the above order and submitted into 2 separated files.

3. Minimum age of both partners must be 21 years old. (18 years old if you and your partner have lived together at least 1 year before your arrival in Belgium)

4. Additional documents, even if not featured in the list above, may be required by the Embassy.

5. The visa fee is non-refundable if the visa is denied.

6. You can submit your application at the earliest three months before your planned visit: [Visa with the purpose of marriage or cohabitation in Belgium | IBZ](#)

7. The type of visa is a C-type visa (short stay). Once the cohabitation is registered in Belgium the applicant will receive a Belgian residence card with which he/she can stay in Belgium;

8. The type of visa that we issue for cohabitation is a type C/Schengen visa. In general, for type C/Schengen visa, a return flight ticket is required. However, as an exception, for cohabitation, a one way flight ticket is sufficient for the Belgian authorities. As all airlines staff members are not always aware of this exception, if you have bought/want to buy a one-way flight ticket, we advise you to take contact with the airline before departure and check if they will let you board the aircraft.

9. The non EU-citizen has to prove that he/she is officially living in Belgium since more than 1 year.

10. Please note that the city hall in Belgium might require your original legalized birth certificate upon your registration in Belgium.

11. A later change to the purpose of the visit is not admissible. A prolongation of the visa is not possible. In both cases, a new application has to be entered.

12. More information about scheduling an appointment can be obtained from website of: [Welcome to VFS Global | vfsglobal](#)

13. For more detailed information on supporting documents, processing time, tracking the progress of your visa application, legal background and other immigration related topics, please refer to the website of the Immigration Office of Belgium: [Visa with the purpose of marriage or cohabitation in Belgium | IBZ](#)