



VISA FOR STUDENT (Visa D)

The complete file should be lodged in 3 sets: 1 original and 2 copies

Please arrange your documents according to this checklist

A. General requirements :

1. Visa application form duly completed and signed; [Welcome to VFS Global | vfsglobal](https://www.vfsglobal.com/belgium/)
2. Passport valid for at least the duration of the D visa you're applying for (12 months);
3. Copy of the data page of the passport together with all pages having visas and stamps;
4. Two (2) passport sized photos with white background and not older than 6 months;
5. Non-refundable visa application fee to be paid upon submission of visa application;
6. If without scholarship : **Proof of payment of the contribution fee**

As of March 2015, the processing of visa D applications will require payment of an extra contribution to be deposited directly in a bank account in Belgium prior to the submission of the application file. Carefully read the information [Redevance | IBZ](#)

B. Supporting documents :

Proof of registration

Attestations taken into consideration to prove that you are a regular student in a higher education establishment organized, recognized or subsidized by the public authorities:

- ⇒ the attestation of registration as a regular student in a program of ~~of~~ university or non-university higher education, or
- ⇒ the attestation of admission or pre-registration in a program of courses of university or non-university higher education. This document must specify the conditions accompanying the definitive registration, or
- ⇒ the attestation of registration for an admission examination (a test or set of tests which must be passed before registration), or
- ⇒ attestation of registration for a preparatory year for ~~the~~ higher education in a public institution.

Proof that you satisfy the conditions for access to higher education

- ⇒ diploma or a study certificate giving access to Belgian higher ~~education~~ education (secondary school certificate or higher education diploma).

If under 18

- ⇒ proof of the authorization of his parents or, if applicable, of the person exercising guardianship.

Proof of financial means

The minimum amount of means of subsistence is indexed each year. For the 2022/2023 academic year, this amount is 730 €/month.

➡ **Scholarship**

Original attestation of an official scholarship of minimum 730€/month. The confirmation of a scholarship from the Belgian government (VLIR/ERASMUS MUNDUS) will be sent directly to the Embassy prior to the visa application (by the Belgian authorities themselves), while the applicant is requested to add a copy thereof to the paper application as well. The proof of a scholarship granted by a university has to be submitted by the applicant.

➡ **Bank transfer**

Some universities allow/require their students to deposit money into their bank account for the first year of study. They then transfer this amount, in monthly installments, to an account opened by the student when he/she arrives in Belgium. The Immigration Office accepts this payment as valid proof of sufficient means of subsistence on condition that the student presents in her/his visa application a document from the university attesting the payment of a sum of money covering the first year of studies and indicating that "an amount equivalent to that which a student must have each month will be transferred to the student's account".

➡ **Sponsorship [FR](#) / [NL](#)** (If sponsor is based in Belgium)

- Original Affidavit of Support ("*BIJLAGE 32 / Annexe 32*"), legalized by the Belgian municipality where the sponsor is registered,
- Copy of Belgian ID card or Resident ID card,
- Family Composition of the sponsor ("*Samenstelling van het Gezin / Composition de Ménage*") to be obtained from the sponsor's Belgian municipality,
- Recent proof of income of the sponsor: 3 last months' salary slips and his/her employment contract or a certificate from the employer specifying the type and effective duration of the employment contract, valid for at least one academic year or the planned duration of studies, i.e. 12 months,
- If the sponsor is self-employed, a document issued by a public service proving his/her net/gross monthly or annual income (extrait de rôle / aanslagbiljet), proof of payment of social security contributions and registration with the Banque-Carrefour des Entreprises / Kruispuntbank van Ondernemingen.

➡ **Sponsorship** (If sponsor is based in India – only a family member the first, second or third degree)

- Original Affidavit of Support ("*BIJLAGE 32 / Annexe 32/Annex 32*"), to be legalized by the Belgian Embassy in New Delhi/ by the Belgian Consulate in Mumbai,
- Copy of valid passport
- Affidavit with the Family Composition of the sponsor issued by a notary + apostille
- Documents establishing the family relationship at the 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree between applicant and sponsor (Birth Certificates and Marriage certificates + apostille issued less than 6 months ago),
- Proof of professional activity:
 - If employed: Employment Certificate or contract indicating the position and compensation details, specifying the type and effective duration of

the employment contract, valid for at least one academic year or the planned duration of studies, i.e. 12 months

- pay slips for the last 3 months, latest Income Tax Return
- If self-employed: Certificate of Registration of the company, latest Income Tax Return
- Proof of solvency: bank certificate with statements for the last 6 months

Insurance

⇒ Medical Proof of insurance: covering all risks in Belgium for the duration of his stay

Medical certificate

⇒ Medical Certificate attesting that you are not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health, from one of the Embassy's certified doctors: [Visa for Belgium if you live in India | FPS Foreign Affairs - Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation](#)

National PCC

⇒ Issued by the central authorities (passport bureau) at most 6 months before the visa application, with an apostille to be submitted if 18 years old and above

Remarks:

Besides the set of original documents you have to make TWO sets of photocopies of all documents mentioned above.

Documents have to be arranged in the above order and are to be submitted in 3 separate files.

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

If the documents are written in a language other than German, English, French or Dutch, the documents must be accompanied by sworn translation into one of these languages.

ANNEX

STUDENTS IN NON-RECOGNIZED INSTITUTIONS (PRIVATE SCHOOLS)

Non-recognized institutions are schools that are not organized, recognized or subsidized by the Belgian government. Your school will be able to inform you if the Belgian Ministry of Education has recognized it or not. When in doubt, please provide the additional documents to avoid the loss of valuable time.

Required documents:

The same documents will be required as for a student in a recognized institution (see above). In addition to that, the student MUST PRESENT the following:

1. A statement of the results obtained during the last academic year, issued by the institution visited, and any diploma, certificate or pass certificate obtained after secondary education
2. Proof of sufficient knowledge of the language in which the courses are given, namely: a certificate from the institution of secondary education that issued the diploma, stating the number of hours of courses attended per week in this language and the results obtained, or certificate of passing computerized tests of knowledge of this language, the quality of which is internationally recognized (eg TOEFL for English), or a certificate issued after additional training in this language.
3. If it is a professional training course: an employer's certificate showing the need to follow the chosen study