



Checklist for **COHABITATION with a EU National (Except Belgian)**

If you are a national of a third country outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and you are travelling to declare cohabitation with a (non-Belgian) European Union/EEA National

It is essential that your file contain the following:

**The original documents, plus two (2) photocopies of these documents.
The originals will be returned to you.**

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 the 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).

Copy of ID

One copy of your Chinese identity card and temporary residence card (if any) or of your residence permit (for foreigners).

Application form

Two application forms fully filled in, signed (two times: at the point nr 37 AND on the last page!) and dated by the applicant.

Please find it here:

[ENG](#) - [FR](#) - [NL](#) - [DE](#)

Photo

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

Language Preference Form

The applicant has the opportunity to choose one of the Belgian three national languages in which the application will be treated.

Please find it here:

[FR](#) - [NL](#) - [DE](#)

If you choose to complete the application in English, please choose "no preference".

In order to help you, please check a translation in [English](#) and in [Chinese](#).

Proof of the permanent and stable character of the relationship

A history of the relationship and [proof of the permanent and stable character](#) of the relationship.

Age

Proof that both parties are aged over 21 (or over 18 if they cohabited for at least one year before the arrival in Belgium of the person applicant wants to join).

Celibacy

Proof that both parties are single.

Applicant

A **notarized** and **legalized** certificate of celibacy together with a translation
OR

A **notarized** and **legalized** certificate of divorce together with a translation.

Future cohabitant in Belgium

Proof that the partner you are going to live with in Belgium is not married.

Proof of a valid travel insurance policy

The insurance must be valid throughout all of the Schengen countries and must cover the whole duration of the stay or transit. The minimum cover is EUR 30,000.

The insurance must cover the cost of repatriation on medical grounds, urgent medical treatment and/or urgent hospital treatment or costs incurred in the event of your death while in the Schengen area.

Applicant's Solvency

The documents indicating that you have **sufficient personal means of subsistence**, both for the duration of your stay on the SCHENGEN territory and for the transit to a third country in which your admission is guaranteed, **or a commitment that charge will be taken (Annex 3 bis)**;

Copy of ID Card/residence permit of the person to be joined in Belgium**Solvency of the person to be joined and Health insurance**

If the party being joined is residing in Belgium as a citizen of the European Union with sufficient resources of their own to be able to ensure that they do not become a burden on the Belgian social aid system during their stay and acceptable **health insurance** covering all risks (e.g. annuitant or person working outside the borders of Belgium), proof of such sufficient resources and of the holding of health insurance.

NOTE

Applicants, who cannot enclose all documents from the list, should consider adding alternatives or making an explanation about the reason for not handing them in.

Chinese notarized certificates have to be authenticated by the relevant Foreign Affairs Bureau of your province before being authenticated by the Embassy / Consulate General of Belgium. They should not be older than six months.

The documents drawn up abroad in a language other than Dutch, French or German are to be translated in accordance with the original 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.

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.