



## Checklist for **MARRIAGE IN BELGIUM**

\*For national of a third country outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and travelling to marry a Belgian citizen or a foreigner residing temporarily in Belgium (Card A or H) or for unlimited duration (holding a CIRE or CIE, or a B, C, D, F or F+ residence card)

**It is essential that your file contain the following:  
The original documents, plus two (2)sets of photocopies of these documents. The originals will be returned to you.**

### **Passport**

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 the Chinese identity card, the Chinese temporary residence card (if any) or the Chinese residence permit (for foreigners).

### **Application form**

Two application forms

- duly filled in
- signed
- dated

by the applicant.

Please follow the link to the application form [online](#) (ENG-FR-NL-DE).

### **Photo**

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

### **The relationship**

A chronological history of the relationship with the future spouse.

### **Age**

- Applicant

- Birth certificate;  
**OR**  
Proof that he/she is over 18 years old if marrying a Belgian citizen  
**OR**  
Proof that he/she is over 21 years old if marrying a foreign national .
- Future spouse
  - Proof that your future spouse is aged over 18 years old if he/she is a Belgian citizen  
**OR**  
Proof that your future spouse is aged over 21 years old if he/she is a foreign national.

**Deed of Declaration of Marriage**

A copy of the deed of declaration of marriage established by the city hall in Belgium where the marriage will be celebrated within the 6 months prior to the visa application.

**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 death while in the Schengen area.

**Applicant's Solvency**

The documents indicating that the applicant has [sufficient personal means of subsistence\(NL\)](#), [sufficient personal means of subsistence\(FR\)](#) (information only available in Dutch NL or French FR), 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 \(Annex on both sides/recto-verso\)](#): (in the prescribed form "[Annexe 3bis](#)"/"[Bijlage 3bis](#)").

**NOTE**

The guarantor should be able to prove to have a regular net monthly income of at least 800 € + 150 € for each dependent family member in Belgium + 150 € for the future spouse joining him. In this case, a copy of the guarantor's 3 most recent salary sheets /guarantor's most recent tax sheet/ other official proof of the guarantor's solvency must be provided

**Medical Certificate**

A medical certificate attesting that you are not carrying any of the diseases which might endanger public health. This certificate must be no older than 6 months from the date of issuance. The specific form must be signed and stamped by an [approved hospital](#).

**Non-Criminal Record Certificate (for applicant over 18 years old)**

Chinese certificate attesting to the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law, together with a translation in French/Dutch/German, **both notarized and legalized** by Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **and the Embassy/Consulates of Belgium** in China. This certificate must be no older than 6 months from date of issuance. (please include the police certificate itself)

In case the applicant resided in a foreign country months before applying, he/she should additionally submit a certificate issued by the relevant authorities of that foreign country legalized by the Belgian Embassy/Consulate abroad or with an Apostille (where applicable).

**Copy of ID Card/residence permit of the future spouse in Belgium**

Copy of the identity card of the Belgian citizen

**OR**

Copy of the residence permit of the foreigner national (Card A, B, C, D, F, F+ or H) the applicant is marrying in Belgium.

**Sufficient Accommodation**

Proof that the future spouse in Belgium has **sufficient accommodation: [NL](#) [FR](#)**.

**Solvency of the person to be joined**

**[sufficient personal means of subsistence\(NL\)](#)**,

**[sufficient personal means of subsistence\(FR\)](#)** (information only available in Dutch NL or French FR) to meet his/her own needs and those of the members of his family and avoid them becoming a burden on the public authorities.

**Mutual Insurance Company**

Proof that the person to be joined is affiliated to a Mutual Insurance Company (Mutualiteit/Mutualité).

**NOTE**

\*The applicant is going to marry a citizen of the European Union (not a Belgian citizen) or of the European Economic Area (EEA), or a Swiss citizen or a Belgian citizen who had legal residence in another EU country prior settling in Belgium, should apply for a visa base on EU Directive 2004/38/CR (see specific information list).

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.

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.

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

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.