



D Visa for family reunification with a Belgian minor child

Applicants for D Long Stay visa for Belgium residing in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan may use the Postal Application Process. Information on [Contact](#)

If they are written in a language other than Dutch, French, German or English, the documents must be accompanied by a sworn translation into one of these four languages. Both the original document and its translation must be [legalized](#) by the authorities.

Applicant must produce an original travel document (passport) and a folder containing a photocopy of each document in the order defined below. Photocopies must be A4 size

Please note: The law of July 18, 2025, published in the Belgian Official Journal on August 8, 2025, and which entered into force on August 18, 2025, amends the provisions relating to family reunification. This law provides for transitional provisions so that the provisions applicable before August 18, 2025, and the new provisions will coexist for a certain period of time.

Please consult the [DVZ](#) website for more information.

Information on the DVZ website takes precedence over information on this website.

DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

- **Visa application form duly completed on [visa-on-web](#) then printed, dated and signed**
 - With one recent passport sized colour [photograph](#)
- **Original of passport**
 - Valid passport with at least 2 unused pages
- **Copy of passport**
 - Copy of the data page and all pages of the passport that are used (with visa sticker or stamp) in sequential order (page number)
- **Residence permit**
 - Copy of ID Card
 - (For Türkiye) Complete extract of the civil registry (Tam Tekmil Vukuatlı Nüfus Kayıt Örneği)
 - Third-country Nationals: *residence permit, long-term visa and so on*
- **Non-refundable visa application fee** to be paid upon submission of visa unless [exemption](#)

- **Proof of payment of the administrative fee** to be paid in Belgium prior submission of visa application, unless you are exempt
 - More information, please read here in [Dutch](#) in [French](#) or in [English](#)

Attention: the sender must pay all charges of international transfer ('OUR' swift code mandatory)

- **Travel purpose**

- **Birth certificate of the minor child** not older than 6 months, duly translated and legalized
- **Proof that the child holds the Belgian nationality** (identity card, national passport or any official document validly establishing the nationality of the child)
- **Proof that you are accompanying or joining the child** (e.g. a flight or transport ticket, a joint invitation, a shared accommodation)
- **Parental authority**

The applicant must exercise parental authority, including custody rights, over the Belgian minor being accompanied or joined.

The applicant must also effectively look after this Belgian minor. [Article 40ter, §2, paragraph 1, 3°, of the Act of 15 December 1980, amended by the Act of 10 March 2024 - Entry into force on 1 September 2024].

Useful information: according to the Court of Justice of the European Union, the concept of "effectively looking after" should be understood as being responsible for the day-to-day care and education without which the minor EU citizen would not be able to reside on the territory of the host Member State. Care and education of a marginal nature do not meet the condition of effective care laid down by the Court of Justice of the European Union, as it can be assumed that the right of free movement and residence of a minor Union citizen would not be hampered if the right of residence were denied to a parent who provides only minimal care. For this reason, a condition is set that the care provided by the parent must be effective.

The notion of providing effective care, in addition to day-to-day care and education, also includes the aspect of care and material assistance.

→ Submit proof that the applicant exercises parental authority and custody rights and that he or she effectively provides care for the Belgian minor being accompanied or joined.

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- **Other**

- Any other document that cannot be put under the above categories (max. 3 pages)

Information on legalization/apostille

This checklist comprises all documents that are part of my visa-application. I understand that the Consulate General 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 Consulate General, even documents that do not appear on this list.

The impossibility of producing an official document must be established by the applicant. The applicant's explanations must be serious, objective and concordant and accompanied by any document supporting the explanations.