

COMPULSARY REGISTRATION of BIOMETRIC DATA NATIONAL VISA D

Requirement for submission in person of the visa application:

From 01/12/2018 onwards, applicants for a national long stay visa D for Belgium will have to **appear in person** in order to register **a life digital ID picture and scans of all fingerprints**.

Exemptions:

- Children under 6 years** of age;
- Holders of a diplomatic or service passport** who are to be accredited or employed by a diplomatic mission, consular mission or registered international organization in Belgium as well as their family members (spouse and dependent children).

Why register biometric data?

By taking fingerprints one can be **identified with certainty** as the sole holder of the visa. This assures **protection against forgery or misuse of identity** - for example in the event of theft or loss of the passport – and makes it **easier to cross the external borders of the Schengen area**.

Respect of one's rights

This procedure is carried out in compliance with the safeguards prescribed by the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of the Council of Europe, by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and by the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child.

Storage of the biometric data

The scans of the fingerprints **are saved and can be reused within 10 years for a following national visa D only**; Unless there are doubts about the identity or if one is no longer exempt at the time of the following visa D application. **However, a life digital ID picture is always taken with every application.**

Protection of biometric data

The biometric data will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the **protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data** and on the free movement of such data.

Legislation

- Article 30bis of the law of 15.12.1980 concerning entry to the territory, residence, settlement and removal of foreign nationals.
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.