



List of Documents

Cohabitation

If you are a national of a third country outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and you are travelling to cohabit with a Belgian or a foreigner residing temporarily (Card A or H) or for unlimited duration (holding a CIRE or CIE, or a B, C, D, F or F + residence card).

- Applicants, who cannot enclose all documents from the list, should consider adding alternatives or explain the reasons for not providing them
- During the examination of the application, the Consulate may request additional documents which are not mentioned in below list and may call the applicant for an interview.
- The documents drawn up abroad in a language other than English, Dutch, French or German are to be translated in accordance with the original by a sworn translator.
- The document along with its translation must be [legalized](#) in line with the procedure laid down in the country of origin, and then by the competent Belgian consulate or Embassy.
- Documents issued by local authorities of the UAE must be legalized by Ministry Foreign Affairs of the UAE and afterwards by the Belgian Consulate. Translations by our [recognized translators](#) can be legalized by the Belgian Consulate directly.
- No additional documents can be submitted to VFS or the Embassy unless the Embassy has requested them.
- Applying for Cohabitation visa should be at least 90 days before the travelling date.
- An incomplete file will lead to a visa refusal
- A complete file does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.
- Visa fee is non-refundable
- Further details can be found on the following [link](#)

It is essential that your file contain the following:

- The original documents, plus two (2) photocopies of each documents.
- The originals will be returned along with the passport.

“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.”

Remarks:

Applicant’s Signature: - _____

VFS Officer’s Signature: - _____



➤ **Application form**

- Three application forms (Original+2 copies) fully filled in, signed on both pages and dated by the applicant. [VisaOnWeb](#)
- The current UAE address, local contact number and email address should be provided.

➤ **Photo**

- One passport photo not older than 6 months with the following [specifications](#).

➤ **Original passport**

- The UAE residence permit and the passport should be at least three months longer than the intended stay or in case of multiple journeys, the date on which you intend to leave for the last time.
- A copy of all pages (excluding the blank pages).
- The passport must have been issued within the last 10 years, in a good shape and have at least **2 empty pages**.
- **The passport must contain the signature of the passport holder. (mandatory)**
- Copies of previous Schengen visas (from the past 3 years only). Copies of entry and exit stamps to Schengen zone must be provided.
- Copies of other respective countries' visas could be provided (UK, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia,...).

➤ **Language preference form**

- The applicant has the opportunity to choose one of the Belgian three national languages in which the application will be treated.
- If you choose to complete the application in English, please choose "no preference".
[Language preference form](#)

➤ **Civil status record**

- A proof of civil status record that the applicant is single, or
- Copy of divorce Certificate, or
- Copy of death certificate of partner/spouse.

➤ **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 one of the Embassy's [accredited doctors](#).

➤ **Non-criminal record certificate**

- A legalized certificate attesting to the lack of any convictions for crimes or offences under common law, together with a translation. This certificate must be no older than 3 months from date of issuance.
- In case you resided in a foreign country the months before applying, you should moreover submit a certificate issued by the relevant authorities of that foreign country legalized by the Belgian embassy abroad or with an apostil.

➤ **Travel insurance certificate**

- Should be valid for 90 days.
- All medical expenses including emergency hospital treatment and repatriation for the period of your stay and must be valid for the whole Schengen territory (coverage at least 30.000 EUR).

➤ **Copy of ID Card/residence permit of the person to be joined in Belgium**

- A copy of the identity card of the Belgian or a copy of the residence permit of the foreigner (Card A, B, C, D, F, F+ or H).

➤ **Sufficient accommodation**

- Proof that the party being joined has sufficient accommodation. This evidence can be done either, by a copy of the property's title assigned to his principal residence housing, or by a copy of a registered lease contract concerning housing assigned to his principal residence.



➤ **Solvency of the person to be joined**

- Proof that the person being joined has stable, regular and sufficient [means of subsistence](#) during the last 12 months to meet his 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 Health Insurance Company ([Mutualiteit / Mutualité](#)) covering the risks for himself/herself

➤ **Proof of solvency of the applicant**

- 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 for example:

- Bank statements from the last 3 months, no deposits.

Bank statements should not be “credit card statements” but a current account of your regular revenues (salary, pension, etc.).

OR

- A letter of guarantee (in the prescribed form [“Annexe 3bis”/“Bijlage 3bis”](#)) not older than 6 months
 - Copy of the guarantor’s 3 most recent salary sheets /guarantor’s most recent tax sheet/ other official proof 3 of the guarantor’s solvency
 - A photocopy of the identity card or the unlimited residence permit of the guarantor.
 - An original certificate of family composition of the guarantor, issued by his/her municipality in Belgium (no residence certificate).

Further information could be found on the following [link](#)

➤ **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 (photographs, letters, mails, telephone bills, money transfers, copies of previous visas and immigration stamps, signed declarations of friends and relatives, proof of holidays together, etc.)