



## List of Documents

### Visit Family or Friends

- 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.
- Any documents submitted in languages other than English, French, Dutch or German will not be considered.
- Applicant is hereby informed that submitting the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee automatic issuance of a visa.
- Processing time differs from case to case, therefore, in order to avoid delays, it is advisable that you apply a good time in advance before the departure date.
- Applicants have the possibility to apply for a visa already six months in advance and at least 15 days before travelling date.
- In principle, the processing time is between 1-3 weeks. In case the visa application has to be submitted to the Home office in Brussels for decision, the processing time will be approximately 4-6 weeks and might exceed during summer time or other special occasions.
- No additional documents can be submitted to VFS or the Embassy unless the Embassy has requested them.
- 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.

***“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:

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Applicant’s Signature: - \_\_\_\_\_

VFS Officer’s Signature: - \_\_\_\_\_



### ➤ **Application form**

- Irrespective of age, each individual requires a separate application form printed from [VisaOnWeb](#)
- The application form should be fully filled in, signed on both pages and dated by the applicant.
- For children under 18 years, the application form should be signed by a person with parental authority or by a legal guardian.
- 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](#)

### ➤ **Evidence of Employment Status**

#### **From the employee**

- A stamped and signed employment certificate mentioning the designation, date of employment, salary, the purpose of visit and financial arrangements. The letter should also include the intended travel dates

#### **From a business owner / partner**

- A copy of the Trade, Professional or Commercial License.

#### **From a school / university student**

- Registration from the school / university
- Proof of school installment payment
- Permission for absence mentioning the intended travel dates
- If travelling for educational trip, the school should contact the consular department in advance before applying for the visa.

#### **From a minor travelling alone**

- If the minor is travelling alone (school trip, with a friend, a trainer, ...), both parents should provide a no objection certificate legalized by their respected Embassy
- If the minor is travelling with one of his parents, the none travelling parent should provide a no objection certificate legalized by his/her respected Embassy.
- It is also possible that both parents could sign the No Objection Certificate at the VFS counter ([Link](#)) and pay the legalization fees
- A copy of the parents' passports and UAE residence visas.

#### **From housewives / dependent / unemployed applicant**

- A no objection certificate from the sponsor allowing the applicant to travel.
- A copy of the sponsor's passport and UAE residence permit
- Employment certificate of the person in charge
- Bank statement, of the person in charge, for the past three months showing regular income and of the saving account if necessary.



➤ **Original formal obligation (Annex 3bis) signed by your guarantor in Belgium (Hosting person)**

- A formal obligation (in the prescribed form “Annex 3 bis” / “Bijlage 3 bis” 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).

➤ **Invitation letter (in case staying with a private individual)**

- An invitation letter signed by your relative and stating as well the address where you are going to stay.
- Copy of the Belgian ID or residence card of the family member you intend to visit

➤ **Flight reservation**

- Only a round-trip flight reservation is required, the original ticket might be requested at the collection of the visa.

➤ **Travel Plan**

- A detailed daily program of your stay taking into consideration that if the applicant is travelling to Belgium and/or more than one Schengen country, it is necessary to include the information on means of transport (flight reservations, train connections, etc.) and accommodation (hotel reservations).

➤ **Travel insurance certificate**

- Should cover the whole period of stay
- 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).

➤ **Proof of sufficient financial means**

- Personal bank statements from the last three months showing regular income (salary, pension, etc...)
- If the applicant is an owner of a company or a partner, he can submit the bank statement of the company with a letter from the bank proving he is a signatory on this bank account.
- Bank statements should not be “credit card statements”
- If no enough balance on the current account, applicant should additionally provide bank statements of the “saving accounts” for the last 3 months.
- The bank statement must show the applicant’s name, and be stamped and signed by the bank’s representative (cash is not accepted as a proof of funds).
- For retired persons: proof of pension or other regular income
- For unemployed adults/unaccompanied minors/students: any other proof of regular income or letter of sponsorship in English from parent (or person in charge) with their proof of sufficient regular income (bank statement showing a salary/pension) as well as employment certificate of the person in charge.
- Please highlight your regular income (salary, pension, etc...) on the bank statement;