

**VISA FAMILY REUNION WITH
MOTHER /FATHER /GRANDMOTHER /GRANDFATHER LIVING IN BELGIUM**

You are the relative on a descending line (son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter) of Belgian or European Union citizen, his/her wife/husband or official partner

(the same rules are applied to citizens of Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein as well as to citizens of the European Union)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

➤ *Obligatory documents*

1. Valid travel document (national passport) for visa with the validity of at least 12 months is required.
2. Two duly filled and signed visa application forms and three recent photographs.
3. Copy of your birth certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
4. Copy of Belgian identification card, passport or residence permit of your relative on a descending line (mother/father/grandmother/grandfather) you wish to unite with.
5. Family composition certificate of your relative on an ascending line (mother/father/grandmother/grandfather) living in Belgium.
6. Permission letter from your official guardian till the age of consent that indicates your intention to reside in Belgium (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
7. Copy of marriage certificate or registered partnership contract of your relative on an ascending line in case if visa application submitted in relation to the husband/wife or official partner of Belgium or the European Union citizen (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).

➤ *Additional documents which are required from certain persons*

1. Applicant above 21 years old must prove that he/she is financially dependant on a relative on an ascending line (mother/father/grandmother/grandfather) or his/her husband/wife/partner. These documents will be transferred for estimation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Office des Etrangers).

Please Note! In no case it is an official invitation but proofs of material assistance you receive from person living in Belgium.

2. Marital status certificate: celibacy certificate, marriage certificate, divorce certificate, death certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
3. If your relative is a citizen of Belgium or has a residence permit in Belgium, and has sufficient financial means not to receive state social care, he/she has to submit the following corresponding documents:

Proof of sufficient financial means can be confirmed by the following documents: physical inability payment, pre-term retirement payment, retirement payment, workplace accident payment or insurance payment in case of illness caused by professional reasons. Both personal and third party payments are taken into consideration.

The amount of financial means cannot be less than integration grant (revenu d ' integration) issued in Belgium.

You also have to submit the proof that the person you wish to unite with has concluded medical insurance for the members of the family.

The information concerning medical insurance can be found on Web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Office des Etrangers).

4. If your father/mother (or their wife/husband/partner) resides in Belgium as a student, you can receive a residence permit only in case you are financially dependent on him/her.

Besides, the person who is a student should give a reference letter regarding personal sufficient financial means or other document certifying that the student has personal financial means as well as medical insurance.

The information concerning medical insurance can be found on Web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

NOTE

If your relative is not registered yet in Belgium he/she cannot provide the corresponding reference letter. In this case he/she has to prove the intention to reside in Belgium (for example: for worker – employment contract, for entrepreneur – a record in the enterprise register, for student – record of recognized educational institution, etc)

You are a child of a foreigner or his/her husband/wife/official partner who is not a citizen of the European Union.

You have the right to submit application for family reunion under condition if you are not married and you are under 18 years old.

If you are a child from previous marriage or relations, you have to depend on the person you wish to unite in Belgium. Besides, your relative should have an official right of

guardianship. If the right of guardianship is separated, your father/mother has to give a permit for permanent residence in Belgium. Family reunion for grandsons cannot be applied.

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2. Two duly filled and signed visa application forms and three recent photographs.
3. Copy of your birth certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
4. Copy of the residence permit or registration as foreigner of your relative in Belgium.
5. Permission letter from your official guardian which allows you to permanently reside in Belgium (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
6. Copy of marriage certificate or registered partnership contract of a relative in case you are a relative of his/her husband/wife/partner.
7. Medical certificate issued by a doctor accredited by the Belgium Embassy in Kiev (valid within 6 months).
8. Proof of sufficient residing area (issued at place of residence of your relative).
9. The Belgian medical insurance covering medical expenses in Belgium for you and your relative.

You can find the additional information concerning proof of sufficient residing area, medical certificate and a sample of medical certificate on the Website of the [Immigration Department](#).

10. Proof that you are dependant on a person you wish to unite.
11. Family composition certificate (celibacy certificate in case you have reached age of consent according to your local legislation).

Special case

18 years limit is not applied if you are *unmarried invalid child of a foreigner* or his/her husband/wife/partner who has termless residence permit in Belgium. You have to provide the following documents in addition to the documents above:

- Medical certificate issued by a doctor accredited at the Embassy that indicated your personal inability to provide yourself with all necessary in regards of physical inability.
- Proof that a person you wish to unite in Belgium has sufficient regular financial means for himself/herself and members of his/her family.
- Certificate on absence of previous convictions (valid within 6 months) covering the period of the last 5 years.

- *The above list of documents is compulsory. The Embassy reserves the right to demand for any other additional documents from the applicant.*
- *You have to submit originals of documents and two copies of each document to the Embassy or consulate. Originals will be turned.*
- *You have to refer to corresponding administration in a place of residence within 8 days after arrival to Belgium.*