

## FAMILY REUNION ON A DESCENDING LINE

**You are the relative on an ascending line (father/mother/grandfather/grandmother) of Belgium or the European Union citizen or 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)

You have the right to submit visa application for family reunion with your relative on a descending line who is a Belgian or the European Union citizen or his/her wife/husband or an official partner.

In this case you have to prove that you depend on a person you wish to unite with.

You cannot submit visa application if your relative on a descending line is a citizen of the European Union and resides in Belgium as a student.

### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

➤ *Obligatory documents*

***Visa application must be submitted in person at the Embassy.***

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 AND copy of birth certificate of the relative you wish to unite with (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
4. Copy of Belgian identification card, passport or residence permit of your relative on descending line you wish to unite with.
5. Copy of marriage certificate or registered partnership contract of your relative on a descending line (in case if visa application submitted in relation to the husband/wife or official partner of Belgium or the European Union citizen)
6. Proof that you depend on your relative on a descending line. 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)
7. Marital status certificate: celibacy certificate, marriage certificate, divorce certificate, death certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).

➤ *Additional documents which are required from certain persons*

If your relative on a descending line is a citizen of Belgium or has a residence permit in Belgium, and has sufficient financial means not to receive a 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).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The above list of documents is compulsory. The Embassy reserves the right to demand for any other additional documents from the applicant.</i></li><li>• <i>You have to submit originals of documents and two copies of each document to the Embassy or consulate. Originals will be turned.</i></li></ul> |
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