

COHABITATION VISA WITHIN LONG-TERM RELATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- You wish to cohabit in Belgium with your partner within long-term hetero- or homosexual relations if you have not officially registered abroad your relations yet. Therefore you can apply for a type C visa that is valid within 90 days and allows you during that period to submit an application for the official registration of cohabitation in Belgium.
- Proof of long-term relations is required in the following cases:
 - you had long-term and continuous cohabitation (at least 1 year) in Belgium or in other country prior the visa application;
 - you can prove that you know each other at least 2 years and maintain regular contacts by phone, mail or Internet. You can also confirm that during 2 years before application submission you met 3 times and total number of days spent together is not less than 45 days.
- During 3 months after arrival in Schengen area, you should apply for an official registration of cohabitation in a register's office in the place of your residence in Belgium.
- Post applying for an official registration of cohabitation you must apply for residence permit in local commune.

This application certifies that you are from category of people which have concluded a cohabitation contract which is not an equivalent of marriage.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR COHABITATION VISA WITH BELGIAN OR THE EUROPEAN UNION CITIZEN

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

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

The Visa Application has to 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 Belgian identification card or partner's residence permit in Belgium. Or proof of intention of living at the territory of Belgium (for example: working contract, lease contract).
4. The document that testifies that any of partners is not married (family composition certificate (celibacy certificate), divorce certificate, death certificate – translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
5. Copy of your birth certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
6. Certificate on absence of previous convictions (valid within 6 months) covering the period of the last 5 years.
7. Medical certificate issued by a doctor accredited by the Embassy (valid within 6 months).
8. Proof of long-term relations (for example: correspondence, regular telephone conversations, e-mails, plane tickets, shared tourist travels, stamps in the passport, proof of cohabitation).
9. Proof of personal sufficient financial means to reside in Belgium or official invitation from a partner (annex 3bis).

In case official invitation (annex 3bis), it is necessary to submit the following documents:

- guarantor's salary slips for the last 3 months and/or his/her last tax declaration;
- guarantor's family composition certificate.

10. Proof of purchase of personal or collective insurance policy covering expenses for possible repatriation, urgent medical treatment and/or expenses of urgent medical treatment in hospital.

APPLICATION FOR COHABITATION VISA WITH PERSON WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

The Visa Application has to be submitted at the Embassy personally.

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 partner's residence permit in Belgium.
4. The document that testifies that any of partners is not married (family composition certificate (celibacy certificate), divorce certificate, death certificate – translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
5. Copy of your birth certificate (translation is required, original and translation must be apostilled).
6. Certificate on absence of previous convictions (valid within 6 months) covering the period of the last 5 years.
7. Medical certificate issued by a doctor accredited by the Embassy (valid within 6 months).
8. Proof of long-term relations (for example: correspondence, regular telephone conversations, e-mails, plane tickets, shared tourist travels, stamps in the passport, proof of cohabitation).
9. Proof of sufficient residing area of your partner. Your partner should make a request to local commune in place of residence to get this document.
10. Proof that your partner has made corresponding medical insurance in Belgium for himself/herself and you.
11. Proof of personal sufficient financial means to reside in Belgium or official invitation from a partner (annex 3bis).
12. Official invitation from a partner in Belgium. By this document the partner undertakes to compensate all accommodation costs, treatment and possible repatriation during 3 years (this annex 5 can be received in local commune).
13. Guarantor's official salary slips for the last 3 months and/or his/her last tax declaration.
14. Guarantor's family composition certificate.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The above list of documents is compulsory. The Embassy reserves the right to demand for any other additional documents from the applicant.</i>• <i>Persons submitting false documents to the Embassy will bear the responsibility according to current legislation.</i> |
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