

Visa for Belgium

Step 1: Create your VisaOnWeb account

Please follow the link: <https://visaonweb.diplomatie.be>



Step 2: Find the right visa for you

Belgium offers different types of visas, depending on the purpose of your stay

➤ **Long stay visa (> 90 days) - National, Type D**

For persons, who wish to stay in Belgium for more than 90 days

Who is concerned? You need a **national visa** if your main purpose is:

- Study
- Work
- Family reunion
- Legal cohabitation or marriage

Step 3: Fill in the form

The official form is **only available online** at

<https://visaonweb.diplomatie.be>

Step 4: Book your appointment

Once you have **completed the form**, you can **book an appointment online**:

[e-Appointment](#)

Step 5: Prepare your complete application

➤ Gather all the required documents

- **Bring all original documents + copies**

- **Common documents (all types of visa)**

- **Completed and signed** application form
- **Valid passport (at least 3 months after planned return date)**
- Recent **passport photo** (compliant with standards)
- **Travel insurance** (minimum €30,000 coverage)
- **Proof of financial means**
- **Proof of health insurance**
- **Proof of accommodation** or hotel reservation
- **Proof of return** (return airplane ticket or certificate)

- **Specific documents depending on the type of visa**

- ✓ **Studies - short or long stay (C or D visa)**

- **Proof of enrolment or admission** at a recognized institution in Belgium
- **Proof of payment of tuition fees** (or proof of scholarship)
- **Proof of sufficient financial resources** (approx. 800-1000 € per month)
- **Proof of accommodation** in Belgium (lease contract, accommodation certificate)
- **Proof of financial means**
- **Proof of health insurance**
- **Proof of scholarship** (if applicable)
- **Previous diplomas or transcripts**



✓ **Work: / Blue card / Researcher (Visa D)**

- **Work permit** issued by the relevant region in Belgium (Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels, etc.)
- Signed **employment contract**
- Copy of **diploma or CV** if required for work permit
- **Proof of accommodation**
- **For EU Blue Card:** proof of diploma and high salary (above legal threshold)



✓ **Family reunion: (Visa D)**

- **Marriage certificate or birth certificate** (legalization + official translation if necessary)
- Copy of the **residence permit** of the person living in Belgium
- **Proof of family relationship** (recognized under Belgian law)
- **Proof of sufficient accommodation** and stable resources for the family member in Belgium
- **Health insurance** covering the stay
- **In some cases,** certificate of capacity to contract marriage



➤ **Visa Fees and Payment:**

1. Consular fee

Type of Visa	Standard price
Short stay (C)	80€ (free for children <6 years)
Long stay (D)	Approx. 180€ + Belgian administration fees

Embassy bank account:

Bank : ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ – PIRAEUS BANK

Recipient: ΠΡΕΣΒΕΙΑ ΒΕΛΓΙΟΥ – EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

IBAN: GR58 0172 0500 0050 5006 0327 934

BIC: PIRBGRAA

2. Contribution fee

The fee covers the **administrative costs** of processing an application for or a request for a stay.

For **amount** and **method of payment** please refer to: [Contribution fee | IBZ](#)

Important

We recommend that you submit your application at least **4 to 6 weeks in advance**.

Step 7: Track your visa application

You can search by the visa application **reference** given by the **Belgian embassy** or consulate general.

Please follow the link: [Follow up a visa application | IBZ](#)

Step 8: Collect your passport

The embassy will contact you directly by **e-mail or telephone** when the decision is ready

Positive decision (visa affixed), **negative decision** (written refusal)

FAQ

- Do I need a visa to travel to Belgium?

Yes, if you are not a citizen of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland, or of a country benefiting from Schengen visa exemption.

- How far in advance should I apply?

For short-stay (Schengen) visas, we strongly recommend that you submit your application at least 3 to 4 weeks before the planned date of travel. For long-stay (Type D) visas (studies, family reunification), it is advisable to apply several months in advance (2 to 4 months minimum), as processing times can be considerably longer.

- Do all documents need to be translated into French or Dutch?

No, not necessarily all. Official documents issued in Greece that are not in French, Dutch, German or English must be translated by a sworn translator.

- How long does it take to process my application?

- Short-stay visas (Schengen, Type C)
 - Usually a few days to 2-3 weeks, but can take up to 45 days in some cases
- Long-stay visas (National, Type D)
 - Several weeks to several months (e.g. 2 to 4 months, or even longer for family reunification). You can track your application on the Office des étrangers website.

- My visa has been refused. Can I appeal?

Yes. You have the right to lodge an ex gratia appeal with the embassy, or a contentious appeal with the Conseil du contentieux des étrangers (CCE) in Brussels within 30 days of notification of refusal. A lawyer in Belgium is generally required.

- Can I add documents to my visa application?

We strongly recommend that you submit a complete file with your visa application.

A complete file contains the documents and information that will enable the Belgian authorities responsible for examining the visa application to verify whether the conditions for entry and residence in Belgium have been met.

Documents submitted spontaneously after an application has been submitted will generally not be taken into consideration.

- How do I pay the processing fee for a visa application?

Application fees are payable by credit card only on the day you submit your application in person. If you do not have the required means of payment with you on the day of your appointment, we will not accept your application.

- How can I travel to Belgium?

Consult the [Belgium in Greece and Cyprus | FPS Foreign Affairs - Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation](#)
and [Immigration Office | IBZ](#) or you can send an e-mail to the embassy
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