



D-Visa

Self-employed workers/independents

If you are a self-employed worker who comes to Belgium to pursue a **temporal or partial self-employed** activity in a high risk sector, but who neither resides permanently nor is settled in Belgium, you are required to file a "[Limosa](#)" [declaration](#). Some exceptions to this general obligation exist. Certain persons may be exempted, especially for short-term assignments.

For all other self-employed workers: application for a professional card

1. Apply for the professional card (= authorization to work) through the Embassy or Consulate General.
2. **Once it's approved by the competent authorities in Belgium**, apply for a D-visa (= authorization to stay more than 90 days) through the Embassy or Consulate General.

Please determine which region your professional activities will be based in, and refer to the appropriate website [for the most up-to-date application information](#). You can find the appropriate forms by visiting their websites directly:

- [Région Wallonne](#) (Wallonia)
- [Région de Bruxelles Capitale/Brussel Hoofdstedelijk Gewest](#) (Brussels Capital)
- [Vlaams Gewest](#) (Flanders)

Please refer to the [second and third page](#) for the required supporting documents for the professional card and visa application.

Your application must contain all supporting documents in the order indicated below.
Please print this checklist and add it to your application file.
Incomplete applications may result in delays or refusal. Visa fees are non-refundable.

Supporting documents for the professional card	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>1. Application form from the competent region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Région Wallonne (Wallonia) • Région de Bruxelles Capitale/Brussel Hoofdstedelijk Gewest (Brussels Capital) • Vlaams Gewest (Flanders)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2. Two copies of the picture page of passport not older than 10 years: Valid for at least 15 months on the intended date of departure to Belgium. Passport must contain at least 2 empty side-by-side pages</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>3. Two recent color photos: American or European passport-size, less than 6 months old with white background.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>4. Visa fee : see consular fee schedule under consular services</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>5. Nationwide FBI criminal history record: Records must remain in sealed envelope and cannot be older than six months. Criminal history records from FBI-approved channelers are accepted if they come in a sealed envelope. If you lived outside of the US during the entire past year: a criminal history record with the same conditions from that country.</p>

All additional supporting documents are at the discretion of the regional authority. Please refer to their website for the complete application requirements. Please submit **3 original copies** of your application (**as separate sets**). It is recommended to submit your application at least **4 months** prior to your intended departure date.

Supporting documents for the visa application

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Visa application form: Duly completed online and signed. Signature must be notarized when mailing application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Passport not older than 10 years: Valid for at least 15 months from the intended date of departure to Belgium. Passport must contain at least 2 empty side-by-side pages. Provide a copy of the picture page in addition to the passport itself.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Visa fee : see consular fee schedule under consular services
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Proof of payment of the administrative fee: Must be paid through international wire transfer to the Immigration Office in Belgium. For instructions and amounts, see: Fee IBZ (bosa.be) . The applicant's name and the net euro amount received must be mentioned.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Approval of the professional card + 1 copy: Must be the official approval notification sent to the applicant by the competent Region. <u>Please note the consular post is not informed about this decision.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Medical certificate (PDF) + 1 copy: Only the official model enclosed is accepted. It cannot be older than 6 months. For a list of affiliated physicians, click here . If you choose an unaffiliated physician, the doctor's signature must be notarized and the document must thereafter be apostilled .
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Prepaid and self-addressed envelope (unless pickup in person): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal size preferred;• Shipments with a tracking number are highly recommended;• The diplomatic post is NOT responsible for lost packages;• Washington DC and New York posts do not use FedEx.