Following the reorganisation of Belgium's global network of embassies and consulates-general, the Consulate General of Belgium in New York will transfer the consular competences for Belgian nationals residing in Texas and Oklahoma to the Consulate General of Belgium in Atlanta.

Consequently, the consular services provided by the Consulate General of Belgium in New York will be phased out and discontinued on 31st of August, and as from 1st of September you will be able to turn to the Consulate General of Belgium in Atlanta.

Below, we explain what this change means for you in concrete terms.

If you are already registered with the Consulate General in New York, you do not need to do anything. Your registration will be automatically transferred to our Consulate General in Atlanta.

Do you need an identity card and/or a passport?

If you reside in Texas or Oklahoma, you may still apply for a passport at the Consulate General of Belgium in New York after 01/09/2026. Of course, you may also apply at the Consulate General of Belgium in Atlanta or at any other Belgian consulate general or embassy.

If you reside in Texas or Oklahoma, however, you will no longer be able to apply for an identity card at the Consulate General of Belgium in New York as of 01/09/2026. You will then need to contact the Consulate General of Belgium in Atlanta or, if you travel to Belgium, the last municipality in Belgium where you were registered.

Do you need a certificate (civil status, nationality)?

If you need to obtain urgently a civil status or nationality certificate (granting/retention of Belgian nationality), you can contact **the Consulate General in New York until 14th of August 2026**.

Documents that have already been requested can either be signed in New York before 31th of August or transferred to Atlanta, as from 1st of September, **where you will need to go in person to sign them.**

From **1st of September** onwards, only our Consulate General in Atlanta will be able to draw up deeds for Belgians residing in its jurisdiction.

Do you require consular assistance?

Belgians in emergency situations can contact the nearest Belgian honorary consul for consular assistance, our Consulate General in New York (until August 31, 2026) or our Consulate General in Atlanta (from September 1, 2026).

How to apply for a visa?

Visa applications for both short-stay and long-stay visas by residents of Oklahoma and Texas will, as of September 1, 2026, need to be submitted in Atlanta.

How to contact the Consulate general of Belgium in Atlanta?

The contact details of the Consulate general of Belgium in Atlanta can be found here.

We are aware that these changes may require some adjustment and thank you in advance for your understanding. The staff of the Consulate General remains at your disposal to ensure that this transition proceeds as smoothly and efficiently as possible. If you have any questions, please consult our website or contact us at atlanta@diplobel.fed.be.