

Annex 2

Limited exemptions for essential travels to Belgium for EU/Schengen citizens or people residing in the EU/Schengen :

List of essential travels applicable to persons having the nationality of an EU*/Schengen Member State or having their main residence in an EU/Schengen Member State, or having their main residence in a third country considered safe by Belgium**

** For the purposes of the ministerial decree of 28.10.2020, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the Vatican City are considered to be countries of the European Union.*

*** Australia, South Korea, Rwanda, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand*

The following travels are considered essential:

1. a trip for purely professional reasons, including a trip by professional sportsmen and sportswomen with elite sport status, cultural sector professionals and journalists travelling for work;
2. a trip undertaken by diplomats, ministers, Heads of State and Government; a trip undertaken by staff of international organizations and institutions and by people invited by international organizations and institutions whose physical presence is required for the proper functioning of those organizations and institutions; a trip undertaken by staff of diplomatic and consular posts and by people invited by these posts whose physical presence is required for the proper functioning of those posts; a trip undertaken by members of the European Parliament when performing their duties;
3. a trip for compelling family reasons, i.e.:
 - a trip justified by family reunification, as defined in the Law of 15 December 1980 on entry, stay, settlement and removal of foreign nationals;
 - a visit to a spouse or partner who does not live under the same roof, insofar as the stable and long-term character of the relationship can be proven;
 - a trip in the context of co-parenting;
 - a trip in the context of a funeral or cremation of first- and second-degree relatives or next of kin, insofar as plausible evidence can be provided of the stable and long-term character of the relationship with the next of kin;
 - a trip in the context of a civil or religious marriage of first- and second-degree relatives or next of kin;
4. a trip for humanitarian reasons, in particular:
 - a trip for medical reasons or to continue urgent medical treatment;
 - a trip to provide assistance or care to an elderly, minor, disabled or vulnerable person;
 - palliative care visit;
5. a study-related trip, in particular a trip by pupils, students and trainees who are undergoing training as part of their studies and researchers with a hosting agreement;
6. a trip to a neighbouring country by a resident of a border municipality and the adjacent neighbouring municipalities as part of their everyday activities that are also allowed and necessary in the country of their primary residence; a trip to a neighbouring country by a resident of a border area as part of their everyday activities that are also allowed and necessary in the country of their primary residence, insofar as plausible evidence can be provided;
7. a trip to take care of animals;

8. a trip in the context of a legal obligation, insofar as it is necessary and cannot be done online;
9. a trip to have urgent repairs carried out in the context of vehicle safety;
10. a trip in the context of moving house;
11. a trip for the purpose of transiting;