

STUDYING

1. Higher studies or the preparatory year for higher education in a government-organized, recognized or subsidized educational institution (Art. 58)

What do I need?

If you come from a country that does not belong to the European Union and you wish to stay in Belgium **for longer than 90 days** to follow higher education, you will need a national long stay visa (visa D).

Please note: A visa application can be submitted maximum **90 days in advance**

Where should I submit my visa application?

- If you are staying in Italy, San Marino or Malta, you must submit the application for a residence permit (visa D) **in person to the Belgian Embassy in Rome**. This is only possible after making an **appointment** in writing to rome@diplobel.fed.be
- If you are already in Belgium, the following procedure must be followed: [https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Higher education or preparatory year stay.aspx](https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Higher%20education%20or%20preparatory%20year%20stay.aspx)

Checklist documents

Pay attention:

- 1 file with the original elements
- 2 copies of all documents
- Two recent **passport pictures**¹
- A proof of full payment of **the administrative fee + handling fee (€ 180)** ², unless exempted
- A completed and signed **visa application form**³ (in duplicate - original, no copy)
- A **travel document** in which a visa can be affixed that is valid for more than 12 months (e.g. a passport) and a maximum of 10 years validity.
- Valid **Italian permit of stay**
- Proof that you have **sufficient means of subsistence**⁴

¹ In accordance with the following quality requirements:

https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/services_abroad/belgian_passport/applying_passport/belgian_citizen_belgium/quality

² Please consult "new contribution" administrative fee + handling fee

³ https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/NL/Documents/Application%20form_NL%202013%2011%2004.pdf

⁴ Preference is given to the following supporting documents:

- a. a scholarship or financial certificate issued by an international organization or a national authority of a Belgian or foreign legal entity with sufficient resources (university).
- b. the commitment that charge will be taken - sponsorship (Annex 32)

for other means of proof and more information: [https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Sufficient means of subsistence Students.aspx](https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Sufficient%20means%20of%20subsistence%20Students.aspx)

- A **medical certificate**⁵, issued by a doctor recognized by this embassy, showing that the applicant is not suffering from infections or diseases that could endanger public health
- criminal record certificate**⁶
- A **proof of being a regular student**⁷. Three types of certificates are eligible:
 - a. A **registration certificate** as a regular student for a curriculum of university or non-university higher education;
 - b. A **certificate of admission to or pre-enrollment** for a curriculum of university or non-university higher education, which states under which conditions the student can subsequently obtain his definitive enrollment;
 - c. A **registration certificate for an entrance exam**;
- proof that you meet the conditions for **gaining access to higher education** (diploma, overview of grades, certificate of consideration of the application for equivalence or decision or letter of equivalence⁸)

Please be aware that the Immigration Office may ask you to submit further documents during the review process.

More information:

[https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Higher education or preparatory year.aspx](https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/EN/Application-guides/Pages/Higher%20education%20or%20preparatory%20year.aspx)

⁵ The recognized doctors of this Embassy are:

- Dr MAZZEI - American Hospital - Roma (Tel: +39 06.22.551)
- Dr ARANGIO - Via L. Biraghi, 14 - Milano (Tel: +39 340.225.20.43)

More information:

https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/NL/Gidsvandeprocedures/Pages/Gezinshereniging/Het_medisch_attest.aspx

⁶ A criminal record certificate "Certificato Generale del Casellario Giudiziale", less than six months old, must be presented. You can obtain this document on all courts "tribunale" in Italy.

⁷ Add a detailed plan of the intended studies and a motivation letter to your file.

⁸ https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/NL/Gidsvandeprocedures/Pages/Gelijkwaardigheid_van_het_diploma.aspx