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**VISA for EU spouse**

**Documentation required when applying for a VISA to travel to Ireland as the spouse of an EU national.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION AS INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**If you do not submit the required documentation, your application may be refused on the basis of insufficient documentation.**

**All documents listed must be ORIGINAL. (You should also provide copies of original documents you want returned).**

**All documents must be in ENGLISH or accompanied by a translation. You must provide a copy of all original documents you wish to have returned.**

***PLEASE NOTE***

***If you are travelling to Ireland without your EU spouse or your trip is not for the purpose of visiting an EU spouse who is residing in Ireland, you are required to provide the necessary documents as listed in the category VISIT VISA (a different list of documents).***

	<b>Document Required</b>
1.	<a href="#">Application form</a> completed in full, signed and dated by you, the applicant.
2.	Your original passport, valid for 6 months after your date of departure from Ireland.
3.	Two recent <u>colour</u> passport size photos (with a white background). Not more than 6 months old. Photo guidelines on the <a href="#">INIS website</a> . Your name signed and visa application reference number must be printed clearly on the back.
4.	Original or certified copy of your Belgian residence card, valid at least 3 months after your date of departure from Ireland. If your residence card is due to expire less than three months after your return from Ireland, please include a letter from the issuing authority confirming that your residence card will be extended.
5.	There is no fee for family members of EU citizens. <u>For postal applications</u> , a fee of €10 for the return of your passport and documents by registered post must be included.
6.	<b><u>Documents for EU Spouse:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your spouse's EU passport</li> <li>• The original marriage certificate</li> <li>• Proof of employment (3 most recent payslips or letter from employer.)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that the EU Citizen spouse is exercising their EU Treaty Rights by being employed/self-employed in the State or engaged in a valid vocational training programme or has sufficient financial resources and comprehensive sickness insurance cover</li> </ul>
7. (a)	<b>Travelling with your EU Spouse:</b> you must provide proof that you are travelling together such as travel documents or accommodation booking <u>showing both names</u> .
(b)	<b>Visiting your EU spouse already in Ireland:</b> you must provide documentary proof that they are in the State, such as current employer letter, current bank statement showing EU spouse's name and address, current utility bill showing EU spouse's name and address.
8.	<p><b>Travel/ medical insurance:</b> (not the European Health Insurance Card) If your application for a visa is approved, you <b>must</b> get travel/medical insurance before you travel. You will not be allowed to enter Ireland without it.</p> <p>In some cases, you may be asked to submit proof that you have insurance before a visa is granted. <u>Students, retired and unemployed people</u> are required to have international travel insurance (accident and repatriation) to cover them during their stay in Ireland.</p>

**Note:** If you state on your application form that you will be travelling with your spouse/partner, the visa will be issued as "C Visit Accompanying EU Spouse". If you then travel without your EU spouse, you may be stopped by the Immigration Officers on arrival, refused entry and have a visa warning entered on your passport.

The Visa Officer reserves the right to request additional documentation, if required, in support of your application. The provision of all of the documentation listed in no way guarantees that a visa will be granted.

Photographs of documents cannot be accepted.

Please also provide copies of any original documents you wish to have returned.

This document is intended as an assistance document for applicants for an EU Spouse Visa for Ireland. It covers most types of applications but may not cover all scenarios. Further information on applying for an EU Spouse Visa can be found on the [INIS website](#) and on the Embassy of Ireland website visa section.

Our opening hours can be found on [www.dfa.ie/Belgium](http://www.dfa.ie/Belgium)