



**Documents to be presented by a third-country national for a visa application
to join a Union citizen¹ or a Luxembourg national**

1. Family members eligible for family reunification

Are eligible for family reunification as family members of a Union citizen:

- the sponsor's spouse (husband/wife) ;
- the registered partner (PACS);
- the immediate descendant (child) of the Union citizen or his/her spouse if the child is less than 21 years of age or dependent;
- the immediate dependent ascendant (parent) of the Union citizen or his/her spouse ;

May be eligible (only with the Minister's agreement) all other family members not mentioned above, if one of the conditions below is fulfilled:

- in the country of providence, he/she was dependent on or part of the household of the Union citizen who has the main residence right;
- if it is absolutely necessary for the Union citizen to look after the family member personally due to major health problems;
- the partner with whom the Union citizen has a long-term relationship with, duly attested.

The long-term nature of the relationship is examined by considering the intensity, the length and the stability of the bonds between the partners. The long-term nature of the relationship can be proved by all means. It is considered proved if partners:

- a) have been living together for at least one year in a legal and continuous way;
- b) have a child together for whom they share parental responsibilities.

The partners must not be engaged in bonds of marriage, declared partnership (PACS) or a long-term relationship with any other person aside from the person they wish to accompany to Luxembourg.

IMPORTANT : The person that claims to be dependent must bring proof of financial support and proof of regular money transfers made to his/her attention by the person he/she wishes to join in Luxembourg (bank transfers, transfers made by an agency, etc mentioning the name of the person transferring the money as well as the recipient's name). Also, the state of indigence in the country of origin must be proved. These money transfers must have been made regularly over a period of at least six months before applying for family reunification. The amounts must be sufficient to allow the petitioner to cover his/her needs in the country of origin.

2. Visa application

The family member must submit an application to the minister in charge of immigration.² The applicant must disclose his/her identity (names, first names) as well as his/her exact address in the country of residence. He/she must also enclose the following documents in the application:

¹ Is considered a Union citizen: the national of one of the member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom. The nationals of the member States of the agreement on the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and the Swiss Confederation are assimilated to EU nationals.

² The application can be submitted by sending it to the Immigration Directorate (see address below) or by handing it in to a diplomatic or consular representation of Luxembourg or the diplomatic or consular mission representing Luxembourg.

- In case the third country national is the spouse or registered partner of the Union citizen:
 - a certified copy of the spouse/partner's passport, in its entirety, valid for at least another six months ;
 - a birth certificate of the spouse/partner ;
 - an extract of the marriage certificate / a copy of the registered partnership;
 - a copy of the registration certificate ("attestation d'enregistrement") of the Union citizen joined/accompanied.

- In case the third-country national is the child of the Union citizen or his/her spouse/registered partner :
 - a certified copy of the child's passport, in its entirety, valid for at least another six months ;
 - a birth certificate of the child ;
 - in case the child is over 21 years of age: proof that the child is dependent on the sponsor (e.g. proof of material support, proof of school enrollment) ;
 - in case of divorce (for minors only):
 - the judgment conferring the custody of the minor child to the parent living in Luxembourg and
 - if the other party has a visitation right: the notarial authorisation of the parental party living abroad to prove this party's agreement that the minor child is allowed to reside in Luxembourg ;
 - in case of joint custody (for minors only): the notarial authorisation of the parental party living abroad to prove this party's agreement that the minor child is allowed to reside in Luxembourg;
 - a copy of the registration certificate ("attestation d'enregistrement") of the Union citizen joined/accompanied.

- In case the third-country national is the ascendant (parent) of the Union citizen or his/her spouse/registered partner:
 - a certified copy of the ascendant's passport, in its entirety, valid for at least another six months ;
 - a birth certificate of the ascendant ;
 - a document attesting the family relationship with the sponsor (e.g. a birth certificate of the sponsor or the sponsor's spouse/partner, a family book)
 - an extract of the civil status of the ascendant ;
 - proof that the ascendant is dependent on the sponsor (e.g. proof of material support) ;
 - a copy of the registration certificate ("attestation d'enregistrement") of the Union citizen joined/accompanied.

- In case the third country national is the partner with whom the EU national is having a long-term relationship:
 - a certified copy of the partner's passport, in its entirety, valid for at least another six months ;
 - a birth certificate of the partner;
 - a copy of the registration certificate ("attestation d'enregistrement") of the Union citizen joined/accompanied;
 - proof that neither of the two partners is bound by marriage, registered partnership or long-term relationship to another person (e.g. a certificate of civil status; certificate of family composition and/or a residence certificate issued by the last country of residence);
 - proof of the long-term nature of the relationship, which means:
 - in case of a common child: proof that the two partners ensure the parental responsibilities for the child together (birth certificate of the child; proof that the partner makes financial contributions to the costs of the child; if applicable, a residence certificate and/or certificate of family composition issued by the last country of residence); or
 - in case of cohabitation: proof that the partners lived together (legal stay) during an uninterrupted period of at least one year before the submission of the request (residence certificate and/or certificate of family composition issued by the authorities of the country of common residence); proof of legal stay of the partners in the country of residence (residence permit issued by the country of residence); or
 - in all other cases: proof of the long-term nature of the relationship by all means.

In case the documents are not in German, French or English, a conforming translation by a sworn translator must be enclosed.

The visa issued will be of « D » type with a maximum validity of three months. This visa gives the right to enter on Luxembourg territory as well as to reside here during the validity period, but also to travel to other « Schengen area » countries, as long as it is valid.

Within three months of the arrival in Luxembourg, the family member will go to the municipality ("*administration communale*") of his/her chosen residence to submit an application to obtain a « residence card for family members of a Union citizen ».

For further information (in English, French and German), please visit the web site www.guichet.lu