



Global Employer Services Immigration

Belgium lifts travel ban for Single Permit holders (B34)

The Immigration Authorities have today informed Deloitte that non-EU single permit holders with a valid annex 46 and their family members are again able to obtain a visa D at the Belgian consular authorities abroad. As such, they are able to travel to Belgium to start their employment.

Background

Despite EU recommendations to lift travel restrictions for a limited number of countries, Belgium maintains its general travel ban for non-EU nationals.

There are only a limited number of exemptions to this travel ban, among them 'highly-skilled workers'. This category however was interpreted by the Belgian authorities as being very narrow given that until today, this was only applicable to EU Blue Card holders (B29).

The Immigration Authorities have now issued new guidance, valid with immediate effect, whereby they allow single permit holders (B34) to be granted a visa for travelling to Belgium, as well as the visa's extension to family members.

The Immigration Office have indicated that they have officially confirmed the above and have shared the required guidance with all Belgian consular services abroad.

Next steps

Individuals in possession of a valid annex 46 for their single permit application should again be able to obtain a visa D from the Belgian consular authorities.

When filing the visa D application, Deloitte recommends to submit an employer's written confirmation of the new start date in Belgium, in case the start date has been delayed.

Self-Isolation & Locator Form

When travelling to Belgium, a [Health Passenger Locator Form](#) should be completed.

Upon arrival in Belgium, the employee and family members will need to complete the required self-isolation or quarantine period of 14 days.

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