



# **Belgium Working Holiday Visa Digital Guide**

Everything you need to know about requirements, funds, documents, and application processes for your great European adventure.

# Universal Requirements

## Age Range

The age range required to apply for the visa is between **18 and 30 years** inclusive. This rule strictly applies to all nationalities covered by the agreement (Taiwan, South Korea, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand).

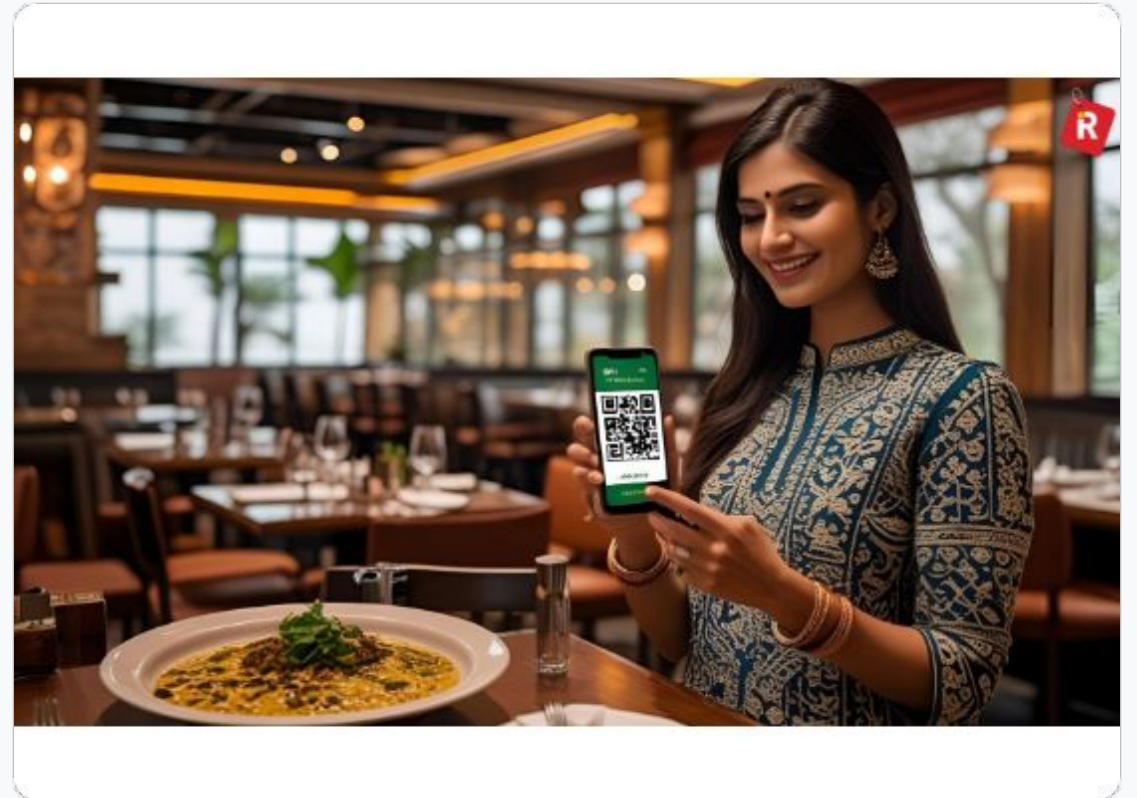
## Educational Level

Unlike other exchange programs, the Belgium Working Holiday program **does not require a minimum mandatory educational level** at the time of submitting the official application.

# Proof of Funds

You must demonstrate sufficient financial solvency to guarantee your initial living expenses during your stay in Belgium.

- **Minimum Amount:** 2,500€ or its equivalent in local currency (e.g., 4,300,000 KRW for applicants from South Korea).
- **Flight Ticket:** You must have a return flight ticket to your home country, or show extra sufficient funds to purchase it.
- **Proof:** Bank statement, official certificate, or credit card summary (valid for the entire stay) under your name.



# Can I extend my WHV?

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**Months Maximum**

## **Non-extendable Limit**

It is not possible to extend or renew the visa under any circumstances.

The residence permit is granted for an exact and non-extendable maximum of 12 months.

Furthermore, current regulations establish that it is not permitted to change your immigration status (for example, to a regular work or student visa) while inside Belgium with this active visa.

# Additional Documents

## Medical Exams

Private clinical exams should not be attached. Only the official medical certificate (with a maximum validity of 6 months) issued by an accredited hospital or signed exclusively by a designated consular doctor is required.

## Criminal Record

It is mandatory to present an original police certificate (maximum validity of 6 months). This document must have the Hague Apostille or corresponding consular legalization, depending on the issuing country.

# Language and Translation



## Language Exam

It is generally only recommended (English). However, exclusively for **Taiwan**, it is mandatory to demonstrate certified knowledge of English, French, Dutch, or German.



## Official Translation

Documents issued in Mandarin or Korean must be translated into Belgian languages or English by an official translator and have their respective legalization.



## Exceptions

For applicants from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, original documents issued in English or French are directly accepted without the need for translation.

# Travel and Medical Insurance

Medical insurance is a fundamental requirement to ensure you are protected against any health eventuality during your stay.

- **Coverage Area:** Schengen zone insurance is mandatory.
- **Minimum Amount:** Minimum coverage of 30,000€.
- **Clauses:** Must include hospitalization, medical repatriation, and accident coverage.
- **Validity:** The policy must remain valid continuously for the entire 12 months.



# Studies During the Stay



## Complementary Education

Although the main purpose of the visa is to vacation and work temporarily, the Belgium Working Holiday program allows for short studies.

It is permitted to enroll in language courses or technical training, as long as the total duration of these studies **does not exceed 3 to 6 months** (depending on nationality) and they do not become the central goal of the trip.

# Specifications by Country

Nationality	Available Quotas	Application Opening
Taiwan	200 Spots	From January
South Korea	200 Spots	From January
Canada	725 Spots (By lottery)	From January
Australia	Unlimited	Year-round
New Zealand	Unlimited	Year-round

# Types of Consular Processing

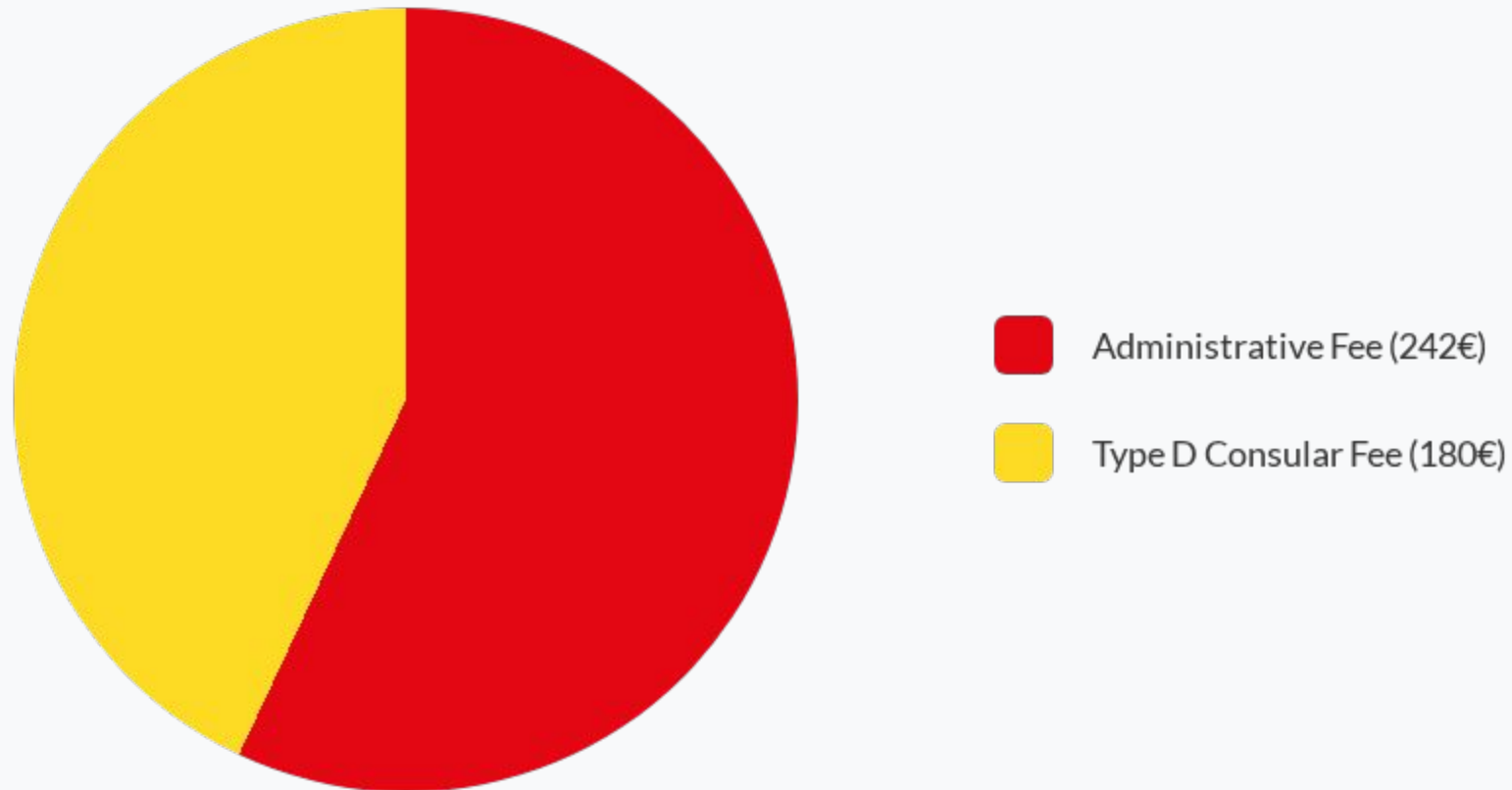
## **In-person Processing**

Mandatory for Taiwan and South Korea (in-person with a prior appointment at consular offices) and for Australia and New Zealand (processing managed externally through official VFS Global centers).

## **Hybrid / Mail Processing**

Exclusive to Canadian citizens. The application can be made by sending all documents via certified postal mail, or by presenting them in person without the need to schedule a prior appointment.

# Cost Breakdown (Total: 422€)



Note: In addition to these consular costs, you must plan your budget for your Schengen Insurance, official translations, document apostilles/legalizations, and VFS Global administrative costs if applicable in your country.

# Official Application Checklist



**Official Form** Completed Type D Visa form.



**Valid Passport** Minimum validity of 15 months required.



**Photographs** 2 or 3 recent passport-sized photos.



**Proof of Payment** Administrative fees and consular tariff.



**Criminal Record** Original, apostilled, and translated if applicable.



**Medical Certificate** Issued by a designated doctor (6m validity).



**Financial Funds** Bank statements showing a balance of 2,500€.



**Medical Insurance** Schengen policy for the entire stay (12 months).

# Top 3 Destinations in Belgium



**Brussels:** The capital, famous for its impressive Grand Place, the iconic Atomium, and its vibrant international atmosphere as the center of Europe.



**Bruges:** Known as the "Venice of the North", it will dazzle you with its charming canals, fairytale medieval architecture, and delicious chocolate shops.



**Ghent:** A lively university city that combines imposing historic castles with contemporary art and an excellent gastronomic scene.

# Prepare your trip!

## Approval and Strategy

The consular analysis and approval process usually takes between 4 to 12 weeks. Keep in mind that quotas for certain countries (such as Taiwan and South Korea) are very strict and limited to 200 spots. Spots are granted strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Make sure to start your application early in January and meticulously check that all your documents comply with the required translations and legalizations.



# Questions?

Thank you for your attention and best of luck with your application to Belgium.

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