

Au pair

You are welcome at the Belgian diplomatic missions and / or at the new Visa Application Centers of your jurisdiction..

1. General Information

An au pair is a young person between 18 and 26 years old who lives temporarily with a host family. The au pair is provided with accommodation and meals in return for carrying out simple household tasks. The aim of the arrangement is for the au pair to improve his/her language skills and discover life in Belgium through involvement in the life of the host family. The Belgian host family must request an employer permit and a type B work permit for the au pair. For further information on work permits in general, please refer to www.meta.fgov.be.

2. The documents to be produced are:

- 1) A valid passport: The passport should be valid at least 12 months when applying and should contain at least one double blank page reserved for visas (blank front and back).
- 2) Two application forms, signed and dated by the applicant (more details).
- 3) A medical certificate (this is valid only 6 months from date of issue). The [specific form](#) must be signed and stamped by one of the designated hospitals/doctors.
- 4) Your original work permit. This must be obtained by the Belgium-based host family, from the regional employment service which covers the host family's residence (VDAB, FOREM or ORBEM). If the applicant is exempt from the work permit, the relevant certificate should be provided.
- 5) A **Police Clearance Certificate** for the past *1 year*. This document is valid only 6 months from the date of issue. In case you resided in a foreign country during the past *1 year*, you should moreover submit a Police Clearance Certificate issued by the relevant authorities of that foreign country (*).
- 6) Depending on circumstances, complementary documents, such an invitation letter from the Belgian company or a dispatch letter from the company in the UK providing additional information about the purpose of the trip, may be demanded.

Notes:

1. All documents have to be produced in 1 original and 2 copies.
2. Submitting false documents may be followed by legal action.
3. For visa fees, [click here](#). The visa-handling fee is non-refundable.

(*) All official documents must be recent i.e. not older than 6 months, attested by local, competent authorities and then legalized. In case the original certificates are in any of the local languages, then an official translation in English must be attached which must also be duly attested and legalized.