HOW TO BECOME BELGIAN?

1. BORN IN BELGIUM AND ALWAYS LIVED HERE (Art. 12bis §1, 1°)

CONDITIONS
- To be at least 18 years old
- To always have lived legally in Belgium

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune

2. MARRIED TO A BELGIAN FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS (Art. 12bis §1, 3°)

CONDITIONS
- To be at least 18 years old
- To have a legal stay of minimum 5 years
- To prove the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages (A2 level)
- To prove the social integration (by 1 of 3 means)

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
3. Marriage certificate (legalized/apostilled and translated if it took place abroad)
4. Proof that the spouse is Belgian
5. Both certificates of residency with history of the addresses (husband and wife)
6. Proof of the social integration and of the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages, either:
   - with a Belgian diploma (upper secondary education minimum)
   - with a certificate attesting the fact that an integration class has been followed
   - with a certificate attesting the fact that a professional training from at least 400 hours has been followed + proof of at least 234 days of work
3. AFTER 5 YEARS OF LEGAL STAY (Art. 12bis §1, 2°)

CONDITIONS
• To be at least 18 years old
• To have minimum 5 years of legal stay
• To prove the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages (A2 level)
• To prove the social integration (by 1 of 4 means)
• To prove the economic participation

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. Proof of the social integration and of the knowledge of one of the three national language, either:
   - with a Belgian diploma (upper secondary education minimum)
   - with a certificate attesting the fact that an integration class has been followed
   - with a certificate attesting the fact that a professional training from at least 400 hours has been followed
   - by proving an uninterrupted period of 5 years of work at the time of the application
5. Proof of the economic participation: 468 days of work (independent: 6 trimesters of social contributions), which can be replaced by studies or professional training under certain circumstances.

4. TO BE HANDICAPPED, INVALID OR TO HAVE REACHED THE PENSIONABLE AGE (Art. 12bis §1, 4°)

CONDITIONS
• To be at least 18 years old
• To have minimum 5 years of legal stay

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. The document proving the invalidity (5 years) or the handicap
5. PARENT OF AN UNDERAGE BELGIAN CHILD (Art. 12bis §1, 3°)

CONDITIONS
• To be at least 18 years old
• To have minimum 5 years of legal stay
• To prove the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages (A2 level)
• To prove the social integration (by 1 of 3 means)

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. Proof that you are the parent of a Belgian child (birth certificate)
5. Certificate of nationality from the child
6. Proof of the social integration and of the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages, either:
   - with a Belgian diploma (upper secondary education minimum)
   - with a certificate attesting to the fact that an integration class has been followed
   - with a certificate attesting to the fact that a professional training from at least 400 hours has been followed + proof of at least 234 days of work

6. AFTER 10 YEARS OF LEGAL STAY (Art. 12bis §1, 5°)

CONDITIONS
• To be at least 18 years old
• To have minimum 10 years of legal stay
• To prove the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages (A2 level)
• To prove the “participation to the life of the hosting community”

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. Proof of the knowledge of 1 of the 3 national languages
5. Documents proving that the person participates to the life of the hosting community. Examples: certificate attesting to the fact that an integration class has been followed, Belgian diploma, certificate attesting that the person has been volunteering, proof of work, etc…
7. NATURALISATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITS (Art. 19 §1)

CONDITION
• To be at least 18 years old

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (legalized or apostilled / translated if needed)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. Proof of an exceptional merit (PhD, professional athlete, famous artist, etc.)

8. NATURALISATION FOR THE STATELESS PERSONS (Art. 19 §2)

CONDITIONS
• To be at least 18 years old
• To have minimum 2 years of legal stay

DOCUMENTS
1. Birth certificate (delivered by the Office of the commissioner general for refugees and stateless persons)
2. Certificate of residency with history of the addresses
3. Copy of the identity card, certified by the commune
4. Proof of the statelessness

REMARKS:
• You must have an unlimited stay to be able to apply for nationality (B, C, F, F+, E, E+, D cards)
• The cost of an application is 150€
• Some documents are directly added to your file by the communal agent (ex. certificate of residency)

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