



ATTRIBUTION OF THE BELGIAN NATIONALITY

General requirements:

- 1) Fully legalized and translated Birth Certificate (refer to our section LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS).
- 2) Fully legalized and translated CENOMAR of the mother (refer to our section LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS).
- 3) Copy of your Belgian passport.
- 4) Copy of the child's Filipino passport.

NOTE: There is NO need to submit a CENOMAR of the mother if the child is born within wedlock of the parents. But the attribution of the Belgian nationality can only be processed if the marriage of the parents is registered under Belgian law. (refer to the section REGISTRATION OF FACTS).

Procedure:

To be sure all conditions are fulfilled, please email scanned copy of the requirements to manila@diplobel.fed.be for a first assessment (attachment in pdf format, no more than 8 MB by email). At this stage, you can submit the Birth Certificate and CENOMAR even without the legalization and translation. We will then guide you accordingly.

If you are registered with the Embassy, please **submit your original documents at the consular counter** (not the legalization counter) for us to build a case to be submitted to the Belgian SPF Foreign Affairs for authorization. Once we confirm that the file is complete and are authorized to proceed, we will invite you to the Embassy for the signature of the act, explaining other eventual prior requirements payment.

The child obtains the Belgian nationality on the same date that the Attribution is signed in Manila. Afterwards we will create the data of the child in the national register. All documents will be kept in the child's file.

If you are still registered in Belgium, **the documents listed above must be brought in original to your municipality**. Pay attention to clearly request the SIGNATURE OF AN ACT OF ATTRIBUTION OF THE BELGIAN NATIONALITY TOWARDS YOUR CHILD from the Belgian civil status officer. Because the child lives in the Philippines, that municipality is not competent indeed for the registration of your child. Do not confuse them and stick to the official establishment of the Belgian nationality.

The child obtains the Belgian nationality on the same date that the Attribution is signed in Belgium. Then only can the Embassy in Manila register the child and proceed with the creation of the data in the national register provided you bring us back:

- the act of attribution of the Belgian nationality signed in Belgium.
- full copy of the documents listed above.
- Fully filled-in, dated and signed registration form for minor signed by both parents (click on FORMS in *Quick Links*).
- Residence Certificate from your barangay in the Philippines as official proof of address (full details – included zip code – to be mentioned) on the name of the child.

All documents will be kept in the child's file.

You can come to the Embassy for that registration any time during opening hours. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment. If you cannot come in person, you may send a representative with an authorization letter. The registration of a child is free of charge.