

# LISKO

Centre luxembourgeois pour  
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## Family reunification

For beneficiaries of international  
protection in Luxembourg

**croix-rouge**  
luxembourgeoise

*Menschen helfen*



# 1. Which member of your family can join you in Luxembourg?



- Your **spouse or registered partner** aged 18 or older (Luxembourg does not recognise polygamous marriage).
- **Your unmarried children under 18** and/or those of your spouse/partner who are in your care and custody. In the case of shared custody, you must have the consent of the other parent.
- The parent(s) and minor siblings of an **unaccompanied minor**.

## Under certain conditions, the Minister may extend family reunification:

- To **first-degree direct ascendants**.
- To **unmarried adult children (aged 18 or older)**.
- To **the legal guardian or any other family member of an unaccompanied minor who has no direct ascendant**.



If you have lost contact with a family member, you can contact the **Family Links Restoration (Rétablissement des Liens Familiaux-RLF)** service at [tracing@croix-rouge.lu](mailto:tracing@croix-rouge.lu).





## 2. What documents do you need?



### For your spouse or registered partner:

- **A full copy of their valid passport** (all pages).
- **A recent criminal record or affidavit** issued in their country of residence.
- **A document proving the marriage or registered partnership** (marriage/partnership certificate, family record book, etc.).

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### For your unmarried child under 18 or that of your registered partner:

- **A full copy of their valid passport** (all pages).
- **A document proving parentage** (child's birth certificate, family record book, etc.).



Additional documents are required in cases of divorce or parental separation. These documents relate to custody, visitation, or residency rights. It is essential to consult your lawyer for more information.

## For parent(s) and minor siblings of unaccompanied minors:

- **A full copy of their valid passport** (all pages).
- **A recent criminal record or affidavit issued in their country of residence** (for parents only).
- **A document proving family relationship** (family record book, minor's birth certificate).



The documents must be submitted as **originals or certified copies** (for passports, a simple copy is sufficient). A **certified translation** by a **sworn translator** must be provided if the documents are not written in **French, German, or English**.



**It is essential to consult your lawyer for any further legal information.**

**AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED.**

## 3. When and where to apply?

Once international protection status is granted, the law provides a **six-month<sup>1</sup>** period to submit your family reunification application.

The response time is generally up to nine months but may be extended in exceptional cases due to the complexity of reviewing the application.



Your application<sup>2</sup> must be sent to:

**Ministère des Affaires intérieures - Direction générale de l'immigration**  
B.P. 752 L-2017 Luxembourg

1. After six months, additional conditions apply, including proof that you have stable and sufficient resources and suitable accommodation for your family.
2. It is recommended to request a receipt when sending the application by registered mail.

## 4. Visa application

If your family member is **required to have a visa**, they must submit, before traveling and from their country of origin, **a Type D visa application (with the original** of their temporary residence permit) to:

- The diplomatic or consular representation of Luxembourg in their country of origin,
- Or, if unavailable, the embassy or consulate representing Luxembourg in matters of long-term visa issuance.

### More information



## 5. How much does it cost and how can I get financial support?



The cost of family reunification varies depending on the country of origin of your family and the number of people being reunited. Inquire about visa fees and the cost of plane tickets. It is very important to plan these expenses in advance and save enough money.

If, however, **financial support is needed**, you must **first contact the social office of your municipality**. If they are unable to assist you, they can contact the LSKO service of the Luxembourg Red Cross.

## 6. Additional information

If you are in private accommodation, **a written agreement from the landlord is required** for your family member(s) to join you there.

You can attend a **workshop** on family reunification if you would like more information.

### More information



# Procedures



**1**

**I have obtained international protection status.**

**I gather the necessary documents.**

**2**



**3**

**I have them translated by a sworn translator.**

**I send the file to the Ministry of Internal Affairs.**

**4**





## During the process



I look for a job.

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I save money.

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I inquire about visa fees and flight ticket prices.

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If I don't have enough money, I can  
contact the Social Office.

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If the Social Office refuses, they can redirect my case  
to the LSKO service of the Red Cross.

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If I live in private accommodation, I must make sure that  
I am authorized to house my family in my home.

# Who to contact in case of difficulties?

LISKO – Family Reunification team

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**L-1255 Luxembourg**

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