

WORKING - NON UE

All non-European nationals (with certain exceptions) who come to work (and live) in Belgium, have to apply for and obtain a work authorisation before they start working.

Self-employed professionals must apply for a **professional card** (Carte professionnelle or Beroepskaart), whereas employees will have to apply either for a **work permit** (before applying for residence) either, since January 2019, for a **single permit** (for authorisation of both working and residing) depending on the situation. Despite the latest introduction of the Single Permit, the conditions for the unlimited work permit (**ex work permit A**) and limited work authorization for foreign nationals in precarious conditions (**ex work permit C**) remain unchanged.

Under certain conditions, the non-EU national can benefit from a **work/single permit exemption**. The list of situations where the applicant can request an exemption is available here: <http://werk-economie-emploi.brussels/en/work-permits-dispensed>.

To find out which permit applies to your situation, please consult the following page of the Ministry of Employment from the Brussels of Capital Region: <http://werk-economie-emploi.brussels/en/single-permit-work-permit>, and the following page of the Ministry of Internal Affairs: <https://dofi.ibz.be/sites/dvzoe/FR/Guidedesprocedures/Pages/Permis-unique.aspx>