

**Model 8**

**Certificate of discharge from the Belgian population registers<sup>(1)</sup>**

Sir/Madame (last name, given name and National Registry Number) :

• .....

has been discharged from the registers of the city/municipality..... on the date of  
.....

This certificate also applies to the following family members<sup>(2)</sup> (last name, given name and National Registry Number) :

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

The identity card(s)<sup>(3)</sup> of the aforementioned person(s) discharged as the result of resettling in a foreign country remain(s) valid until the expiry date mentioned on the identity card.

(Date)

Signature of the officer of the Civil Registry  
or his authorized representative.

Seal of the city/municipality.

(1) This certificate is obligatory for the Belgians with the purpose of enrollment into a Belgian consular register.  
(2) Only the reference person of the family can file an application for the entire family. An adult member of the family can only file an application for himself and an underage member of the family can file an application solely with the explicit agreement on this form from the person exercising parental authority.  
(3) eID and kids-ID

## **Chapter 8. - The consular population registers**

Article 35. Every permanent consular post shall keep a population register. The Minister shall designate the honorary consular posts where such register shall be kept.

Belgians who establish their habitual residence in the consular district of the consular post and who are not registered in the population registers of a Belgian municipality may be registered in that register.

Registration for informational purposes is possible for non-Belgians forming part of the family of a Belgian who is registered in the consular population register of a permanent consular post and resides in the consular district of that consular post.

Administrative aid will be provided only to Belgians registered in the consular population registers.

Administrative aid provided to Belgians who are not registered in these registers is restricted to the issue of emergency travel documents subject to fulfilment of the conditions of issue.

Article 36. Besides the data whose inclusion is explicitly required by law, the consular population registers shall include data on identification and location of the registered persons and the data necessary for the purpose of connecting with the files of the central administration. The King shall define the nature of this data.

The rules on the disclosure of the data to third parties are those which apply to the disclosure of data contained in the population registers of Belgium.

The data necessary for the evacuation of Belgians in cases of emergency may be disclosed to the permanent consular posts of the European Union responsible for the consular protection of Belgian nationals.

The King determines the way in which the data is kept.

Article 37. The change of the habitual residence of any Belgian in a foreign country shall be established through registration at the consular post in the format defined by the King and in accordance with the rules set by the Minister.

Article 38. In the event of problems or disputes relating to the habitual residence in the foreign country the Minister or the officer appointed by the Minister shall decide on the place thereof, if necessary following an investigation.

In the event of a dispute about whether the habitual residence is abroad or in Belgium, the Minister with competence for Home Affairs will decide the place of residence in accordance with Article 8 of the Act of 19 July 1991 on the population registers, the identity cards, the foreigner identity cards and the residence permits and amending the Act of 8 August 1983 governing a State Register of natural persons.

Article 39. An identity card shall be issued to every Belgian who has reached the age of twelve years and who is registered in the consular population registers of a Belgian consular post.

The characteristics of the identity card issued by the consular post are identical to those provided in the aforementioned Act of 19 July 1991.

The identity card issued by the consular post remains valid for the duration mentioned on the card upon departure to Belgium of the Belgian involved, provided that they have themselves registered in the population registers of a Belgian municipality within the period determined in the applicable rules and regulations.

The identity card issued by the consular post remains valid for the period mentioned on the card in the case of registration at another consular post.

Upon departure to a foreign country the identity card issued by a Belgian municipality remains valid for the duration mentioned on the card, provided that the Belgian involved deregisters from the population registers of the Belgian municipality and registers in the consular population registers of his main residence.

If an arrest warrant or other court order or judicial order for deprivation of freedom has been issued against the applicant or if they are the subject of an arrest warrant, or were released temporarily or on parole subject to a prohibition to leave the country, the identity card shall be issued after explicit consent from the Minister.

An identity document may be issued for children who are under the age of twelve and who are registered in the consular population registers of a Belgian consular post. The King determines the format and contents of the identity documents.

Article 40. The Minister determines the amount of the fees for the creation and the issue of the identity card and the identity document for children under the age of twelve.

Article 41. The King may determine that the rules of this chapter also apply to nationals of the European Union for whom Belgian permanent consular posts exercise the consular services in implementation of the international law that is binding upon Belgium.