

ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME AN “AU PAIR”?

WELCOME TO **BELGIUM!**

A unique opportunity to:

✓
Improve your language skills

✓
Discover Belgium: its culture, folklore, tourism and more

✓
Enjoy a cultural exchange with a host family

This brochure explains what to expect during your stay

When you arrive

COMPLETE THESE MANDATORY STEPS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT

Go to your local municipal administration within 8 days of your arrival to obtain your temporary residence permit.



Remember to bring a **photo**, your **visa** and the **work permit** provided by your host family.

Have you started the procedure but are still waiting for your residence permit?

In that case, you may receive your allowance **in cash** in the meantime.
Keep the signed monthly receipts carefully as proof of payment.

Your stay is temporary.
You must leave the country after your “au pair” stay!

BANK ACCOUNT

Once you have your residence permit, open a bank account with the bank of your choice.

Give your bank account details to your host family, who must pay you an allowance of at least **€750** per month into this account.

Always keep your residence permit with you in case of a police check!
Also make sure you have your work permit with you when you travel.



Remember to take a photo of your documents, front and back, with your smartphone so that you can access them if you forget or lose them.

Your hosting conditions

YOUR STAY IS GOVERNED BY LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PROTECT BOTH YOUR INTERESTS AND THOSE OF YOUR HOST FAMILY.

Your host family is required to **provide you with:**

Your type B work permit

A private, furnished and heated room

A cultural programme to discover Belgium

Insurance to cover you in the event of a problem: health, accident or repatriation

Childcare must not be your main duty, and you are not allowed to work for another family or carry out any other professional activity during your stay.

Your duties

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You may:

WORK A MAXIMUM OF 20 HOURS PER WEEK
WORK A MAXIMUM OF 4 HOURS PER DAY
HAVE AT LEAST 1 DAY OFF PER WEEK
PERFORM LIGHT HOUSEHOLD CHORES
PROVIDE CHILDCARE

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You may not:

WORK MORE THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK
WORK MORE THAN 4 HOURS PER DAY
HAVE FEWER THAN 1 DAY OFF PER WEEK
PERFORM HEAVY HOUSEHOLD CHORES
TAKE PART IN TASKS RELATED TO YOUR HOST FAMILY'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, WHETHER AT HOME OR OUTSIDE THE HOME

Compulsory courses

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN* BY YOUR HOST FAMILY, YOU MUST TAKE INTENSIVE COURSES IN THAT LANGUAGE AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE.

Do you already have basic knowledge of the language usually spoken by your host family? In that case, you can take the courses of your choice: citizenship, culture, sport, sewing and more.

Your host family will also have to provide the SPW with proof of your course attendance.

*The language usually spoken by your host family does not necessarily have to be French.

You may take part in any internships included in your courses, **provided they are unpaid.**

Inspection/contrôle

An SPW inspector may visit your host family's home at any time.

This unannounced visit allows them to check that the hosting **conditions are being complied with and to make sure that everything is going well.**

You will recognise this person by their **official identification card.**



You can speak to the inspector in confidence

Need help?

ARE YOU FACING A PROBLEM OR A DIFFICULT SITUATION DURING YOUR “AU PAIR” STAY?

Here are some contacts that can help you:

INSPECTION – SPW

Namur – Brabant wallon – Lux.

☎ 081 77 88 20
@ inspection.namur@spw.wallonie.be

Hainaut – Mons

☎ 065 40 23 63 - 071 27 71 20
@ inspection.hainaut@spw.wallonie.be

Liège

☎ 04 349 55 10
@ inspection.liege@spw.wallonie.be

EMPLOYMENT AND WORK PERMITS – SPW

☎ 081 33 42 64 - 081 33 44 42 - 081 33 43 92

IMMIGRATION OFFICE

☎ 02 488 94 41

IN AN EMERGENCY:

Police ☎112
Medical emergencies and fire brigade ☎100

You now have all the key information you need to start your stay in Belgium.



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