English Language Assistant Belgium-(Wallonia/Brussels)



Belgium is a fantastic country that sits at the heart of European politics, being the home of both the EU and NATO headquarters. Our posts are in Brussels or Wallonia (French-speaking) southern Belgium, enabling you to practice your French every day. It's known for its medieval towns, Renaissance-era architecture and traditional Trappist beers. The capital city is Namur.

Terms and Conditions:

Appointments are available in secondary and higher education.

- Candidates most hold an **Irish passport or European passport**.
- All candidates applying must hold:
  - a diploma/bachelor's degree

  Or

  - At minimum, be in their **second** year of higher studies. Candidates must be finished their second year of study before taking up their placement.
- If a candidate **does not hold an Irish passport**, they must also:
  - hold a diploma in higher studies and English must be their mother tongue

  Or

  - they must prove a CEFR language level C2 (certificate) in English certified by a professional.

If a candidate **does not hold an Irish passport or a European passport**, they must apply for a work permit and a single permit. This can take approximately four to six months to obtain Please note that vacancies in Belgium are limited and there is no guarantee that the candidate will obtain their single permit in time.

Dates of Appointment
1 October to 31 May

Hours
12-16 hours average per week (not including preparation of course work and participation in extracurricular activities).

Remuneration
You will receive an allowance of approximately Net monthly scholarship of €1617.33 indexed annually in August). The last monthly scholarship payment will be paid after the internship report has been submitted by the assistant.

+ One-off intervention of €300 only if the assistant is placed in two schools in two different provinces.

Age Limit
Applicants must be minimum 21 years and under 35 years.

Level of French
Minimum of B1 on CEFR.

Subject Access Request Form
Successful assistants may be asked to provide a clearance document, which may prevent them from working with children or vulnerable persons. Successful assistants can request a Subject Access Request form from An Garda Síochána and Data Protection - Garda.
This is a record of a person's interactions with An Garda Síochána (or none).

Medical Entitlements
Assistants are encouraged to apply for EHIC card. Assistants should check with their own insurance provider regarding their cover abroad during the duration of their placement.

Doctor's Note
Candidates who do not hold an Irish or European passport will be required to provide a doctor's note from a certified doctor. This note can be a signed one-line doctor's note to state that you are medically fit for the position.

Renewal
It is possible to stay and apply to work in Belgium for a second year as an English Language Assistant, however, priority will go to new assistants applying.
If not all vacancies are filled then those wishing to renew may receive a placement.

To renew as an English Language Assistant, the assistant must:

- Submit their expression of interest and their rapport de stage/bilan de project (internship report) by **15 April 2026**
- The internship report must be positive to be eligible to reapply.

- If the assistant wishes to remain in the same school for a second year, please make this known in your expression of interest. (Although, this cannot be guaranteed).

Please note, assistants staying in Belgium for a second year are not eligible to be covered by WBI's grant or Insurance between their term placements. This means once the assistant finishes their placement in May they will not be in receipt of any allowance/housing subsidy etc. for the months June, July, August, and September.

If the assistant does not hold an Irish or European passport, they will be required to reapply for a single permit by April. The assistant will complete their internship (finishing in May) and then return home to await to see if they have been successful in their renewal.

The completed applications should be returned by email in one single PDF to the Department of Education and Youth, International Section, ELA@education.gov.ie by 5.00pm on closing date Thursday 12h March 2026.

We would like to remind you to carefully consider your commitment to the ELA Scheme before accepting a post, as all withdrawals will need to be duly justified.