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Are you considering setting up a company in Belgium and would you like to know more about the incorporation process? Don't hesitate to contact our dedicated team and set up a meeting to discuss your foreign investment ambitions:

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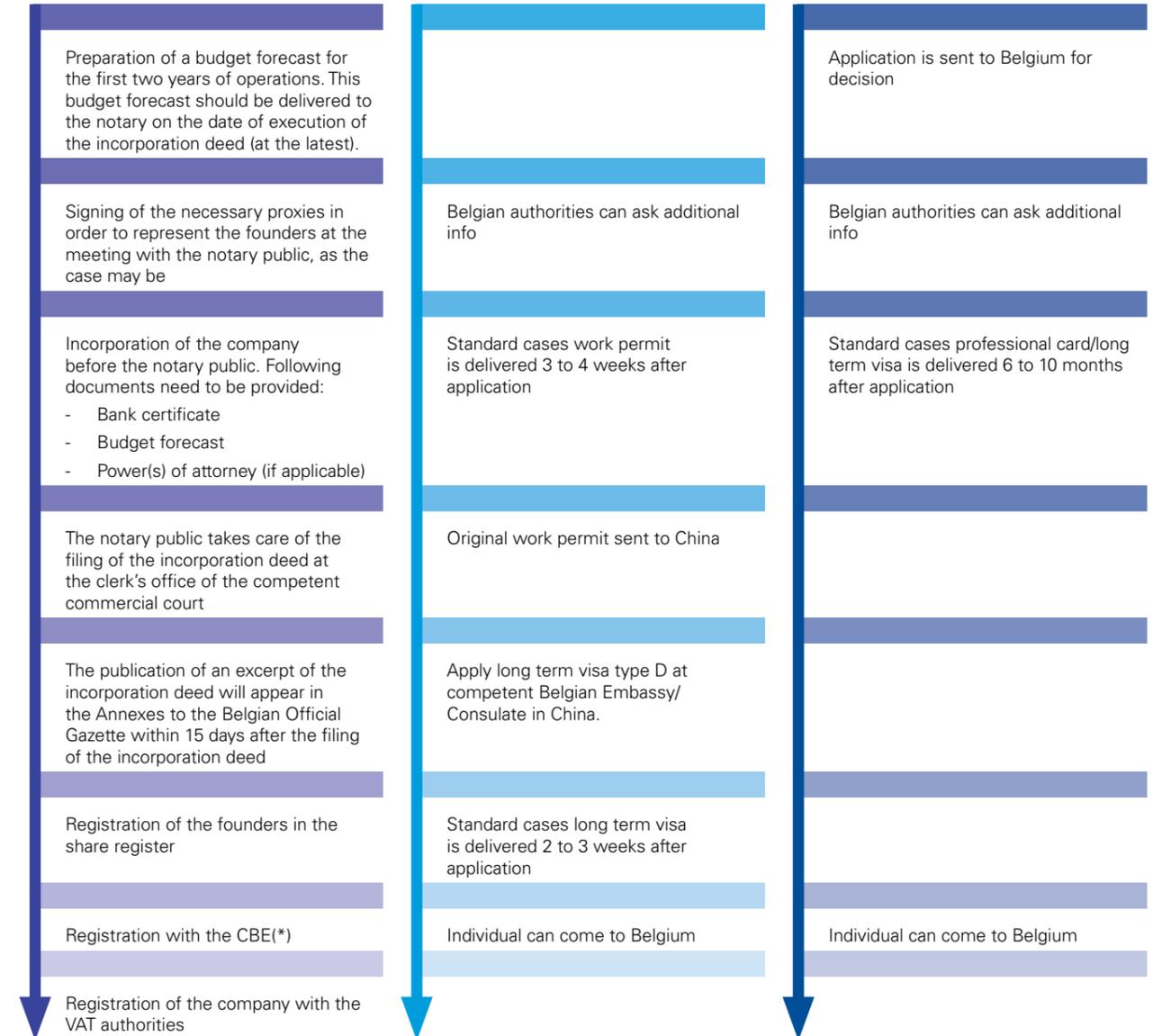
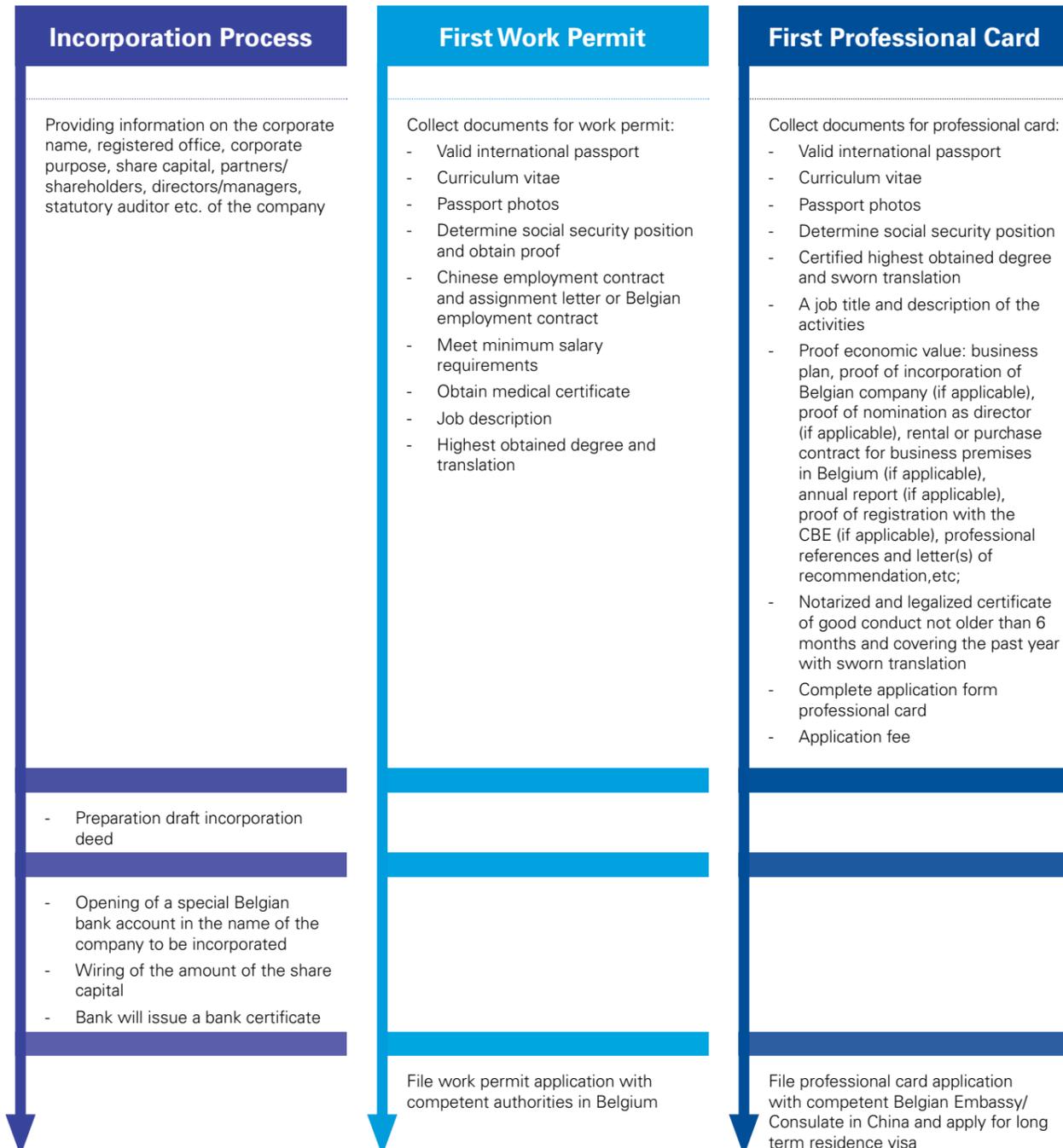
Bringing your business  
to Belgium



# Incorporating your business in Belgium

When looking to expand your business internationally, the robust economic environment for foreign investment in Belgium can prove to be a very inspired decision. However, to take full advantage of these investment opportunities, aspiring investors must be aware of the many practical aspects involved in starting up a business abroad. Our specialized team understands both the Belgian as well as the Chinese system and is ready to facilitate your transition abroad.

Below you can find a graphical overview of the incorporation process for a Belgian entity. Please bear in mind that in case you want to send Chinese individuals to work in Belgium, you first need to obtain a Belgian work permit for these employees and/or a Belgian professional card for the self-employed (f.i. company directors). The work permit and/or professional card are needed to allow exercise of professional activities in Belgium. Furthermore, a visa will need to be obtained prior to coming to Belgium to allow legal entry on the Belgian territory.



(\*) Each small and medium-sized company exercising commercial activities in Belgium needs to prove the basic management knowledge. If, however, one or more partners/shareholders, which represent more than 25% of the shares in the company's capital (or the voting rights connected therewith) meet at least one of the following criteria: (i) The annual average number of the partner's/shareholder's employees exceeds 50, (ii) The annual turnover of the partner/shareholder exceeds EUR 7,000,000.00 or the total of the balance sheet exceeds EUR 5,000,000.00, the company to be incorporated could be considered as a large company and therefore not needs to prove the basic management knowledge. If the company is to be considered as a small and medium-sized company, the basic management knowledge has to be proven by diploma of one of the managers/(managing) directors or by experience. Before proving the basic management knowledge, it will be verified whether those managers/(managing) directors need to obtain their professional card in advance.

