BELGIAN SOLUTIONS

All you need to know about contracting in Belgium
About Access Financial

The purpose of Access Financial is to provide all our clients – contractors, recruitment businesses and corporates with the most efficient payroll, immigration, tax and social security solutions that are possible under law.

We are pleased to invite you to visit our company’s website to learn more about our solutions.

Why Us?

100% Compliant
We have the necessary licences, proven experience and demonstrable track record to provide you with all the national and international payroll, contract management, tax and immigration services that you need.

Global Presence
We have offices in the United Kingdom, Switzerland (Head Office), Germany, Luxembourg, Cyprus, China, India and Malaysia.

Cost Efficient
We listen carefully to you, understand your personal requirements and needs, and then we collaborate with you to provide our services at reasonable prices.

Unparalleled Support
When you need any help, our team of experts will work directly with you via live chat, phone or email to reach a quick and efficient solution.

Proven Results
Thousands of contractors and recruitment businesses and their clients have benefited from our expertise and professionalism.

Local Billing
We have nearly 30 internal companies for local billing and to mitigate withholding tax losses to you.
Belgium Key Facts

Work Permits
Our Belgian company, AFI Belgium Sprl (AFI) can sponsor work permits for our employed solution.

Social Security Charges
Belgium has high social security costs for employers (28%) and employees (13.07%).

Income Tax rate
Belgium has high income tax rates that start at modest levels of income. The top rate of income tax is 50% on taxable income beyond EUR 41,060 per annum (2020).
Belgian Solutions

Employed Solution
- 50% Other Deductions
- 5% Management Fees
- 45% Retained Income

Open to all nationals and those who want continuous employment. This solution will appeal to non-EU citizens or British nationals after 01/01/2021, who will need a work permit to work.

Self-Employed Solution
- 40% Other Deductions
- 5% Management Fees
- 55% Retained Income

Where the contractor is a graduate or has a relevant working experience and wishes to work independently, then the self-employed solution is applicable. This solution is for EU nationals or those having the right to work.

Limited Company (PSC) Solution
- 29% Other Deductions
- ~6% (EUR 650) Fixed Costs
- 65% Retained Income

Where there is a degree of independence between the contractor and the client, then using a limited company is an attractive option for the contractor. This solution is for EU nationals or those having the right to work.

Please note: We have based the information in this brochure on our understanding of the law at the time of writing. For the most current information and a personalised calculation in Belgium, contact us at info@accessfinancial.com.
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<td><strong>Retention</strong> (for a typical contractor)</td>
<td><strong>55% (±5%)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Eligibility</strong></td>
<td><strong>55% (±5%)</strong></td>
<td><strong>EU/EEA nationals</strong></td>
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<td>• EU/EEA nationals and non-EU nationals with work permit</td>
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<td>• Non-EU/EEA nationals who have a residency permit allowing them to work as self-employed</td>
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<td>• Non-EU/EEA nationals must obtain a professional card for working as a self-employed</td>
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<td>• A Belgian address and bank account is required to register as self-employed</td>
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<td><strong>Work Permits</strong></td>
<td><strong>We can sponsor work permits</strong></td>
<td><strong>Non-EU/EEA nationals must obtain a work permit themselves</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Our Fees</strong></td>
<td><strong>5% of the monthly invoice value (with a minimum EUR 550 per month)</strong></td>
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<td>• The contractor is employed by AFI</td>
<td>• A self-employed contractor can claim a VAT refund on their professional expenses when filing a VAT return. However, the invoice should reflect their name, invoice number, and VAT amount/percentage</td>
<td>• The contractor is registered in Belgium as a director of their company</td>
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<td>• The employer (AFI) runs the payroll and deducts the necessary tax and social security costs</td>
<td>• The contractor will be liable to pay his social security from day 1 in Belgium except if he has a self-employed A1 certificate from his home country for the contract’s duration</td>
<td>• The level of retention depends on the salary level, the tax claimable expenses, the length of stay in Belgium and on the contractor’s marital status</td>
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<td>• The gross salary will arise after we deduct the management fees and employer’s contributions from the contract value</td>
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<td><strong>Benefits</strong></td>
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<td>• Easy to implement</td>
<td>• Higher retention than being an employee due to lower social security contributions and taxes</td>
<td>• The director of their own PSC pays less social security in Belgium than an employee</td>
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<td>• Open to non-EU/EEA nationals and non-graduates</td>
<td>• Possibility of holding simultaneous contracts</td>
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<td>• Eligibility for unemployment benefits</td>
<td>• Lower social security contributions, if the contractor can obtain an A1 from their home country</td>
<td>• We will prepare the accounting and tax returns for both the contractor and the PSC</td>
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<td>• Monthly payslips will be provided, and reconciliation will be done at the time of exit payroll</td>
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