



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

SPECIAL TEMPORARY VISA FOR AN ADOPTION (TS)

It is issued for couples who are adopting a Colombian child. The following documentary requirements must be completed to satisfy the Civil Law regarding Adoption procedures in Colombia.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Passport with available pages, and valid for at least three (3) months.
- Two (2) photocopies of the pages of the passport containing information, as well as all previously granted visas.
- Two (2) originals of the Visa Application Form completely filled out and duly signed.
- Three (3) recent color passport-type photographs (1.5"x1.5").
- Notarized photocopy of the "constancia de asignación del menor" (certificate of assignment of the minor) issued by the Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF), or the corresponding adoption agency.
- Photocopy of the document of proof of legal existence of the Colombian adoption agency. Whenever the adoption is done through the Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF) this document is not needed.
- A letter stating the purpose of the application for the visa signed by the adoptive parents. This letter should be notarized and APOSTILLED.
- Photocopy of the ticket to exit the country.

US \$175 in Cash, or Money Order only (Cost exempt for citizens of: South Korea, Spain, United States of America, and Japan).

If the visa is issued for more than three (3) months, the visa holder should register it in the Immigration Office of the Administrative Department of Security (**Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS** -) within fifteen (15) working days from the arrival date.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All applicants are required to appear in person at the consulate's office either when submitting the documentation or when receiving the approved visa. **No exceptions.**
- All Documents issued in languages other than Spanish **MUST** be submitted duly **TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH**, and both versions should be **notarized** by a Notary Public. They must be also certified with an APOSTILLE by the Office of the Secretary of State at the State where they were issued.
- For U.S citizens the study of the visa application form and documents takes three (3) working days; for non-U.S. citizens it may take up to two (2) weeks, and it is subject to the approval of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.