



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

RESIDENT VISA FOR A CLOSE RELATIVE OF A COLOMBIAN CITIZEN

The resident visa for a close relative of a Colombian citizen could be given (granted previous authorization from the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to the person who had relinquished Colombian citizenship.

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) color passport-type photograph (1.5"x1.5").
- Original proof of the "constancia de renuncia a la nacionalidad colombiana" (document that states relinquishing of Colombian citizenship)
- In order to credit his/her occupation the foreign applicant must submit documents, which prove the activity to be performed in Colombia either as an entrepreneur or as employee of a public or private entity. In the latter case the applicant should submit copy of his/her work contract, or the appropriate document, and certificate of employment ratio (Certificado de Proporcionalidad) of foreign versus Colombian workers; as well as documents that prove the applicant's suitability for the occupation to be performed while in Colombia.

US\$ 285. In Cash, or Money Order only (Cost exempt for citizens of: South Korea, Spain 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.

The Resident Visa will expire if the foreign citizen is absent from Colombia for more than two (2) consecutive years.

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. **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.