



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

PREFERENTIAL VISA

The Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' General Protocol Director, as well as the chief of a Colombian Foreign Diplomatic Mission may issue:

Preferential Diplomatic Visa (PD): it is issued to the bearer of a diplomatic passport as long as the bearer, is performing some activity in a diplomatic or consular representation duly accredited by the Colombian government, in a special mission assigned by their government or international organization, or to those who attend meetings or international level seminars representing their country

Preferential Official Visa (PO): this visa could be granted by the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' General Protocol Director, or by the Head of a Colombian diplomatic mission, to the foreigners holding an official passport and who come to Colombia to perform an official mission.

Preferential Service Visa (PS): It is issued by the General Protocol Direction of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or by the Head of a diplomatic mission authorized by the former institution, to the foreigners holding service passports or the like in the following cases:

- As an international civil servant or expert within the boundaries of international treaties effective at the time.
- As a member of the technical and administrative staff of a Diplomatic Mission, a Consular Office, an International Organization or an Assistance Organization.
- As a member of the staff of a Diplomatic Mission, Consular office or an International organization, or an Assistance organization, or as a personal employee of a member of the diplomatic mission as long as the employee does not have permanent residence in Colombia.
- To perform activities regarded as essential or as priorities for the country by the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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").
- Introductory letter from the applicant requesting the visa. This letter should be duly **TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH**, duly **notarized**, and both -original letter and copy- must be **APOSTILLED**.