



## CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

### TEMPORARY RELIGIOUS VISA (TR)

The holder of a Temporary Religious Visa cannot establish permanent residence in Colombia, and his activities cannot be compensated as salaries or fees in Colombia. This visa allows multiple entrances and it may be issued for up to two (2) years.

#### 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").
- Original of the Certification issued by the "Ministry of the Interior" or by the Archdiocese, as appropriate, stating that the church, confession, or religious denomination, or its federations, and ministers' associations are properly registered (it must be [APOSTILLED](#))
- Original of the Certification issued by the legal representative or superior of the Community, who will specify the mission that the foreign citizen is coming to perform and indicate his/her bond with the religious entity (it must be [APOSTILLED](#)).
- Original of the Letter from the legal representative or highest ranking official of the religious entity who will assume full financial responsibility for the applicant (and his/her family) , including his/her return to the country of origin or last country of residence when either visa cancellation, deportation or expulsion occurs. Likewise when his/her membership of the religious entity ends. This letter must be translated into Spanish and both versions (English and Spanish) must be notarized and certified with an [APOSTILLE](#) by the secretary of state at the State where it was issued.
- Proof of Financial Solvency. The applicant must submit financial documentation that shows the economic solvency of the church, religious denomination, federation, confederation or religious ministers association of the foreign citizen. (It can be attested by submitting bank statements of the last three months, certificates of income, income tax). This documentation needs to be [APOSTILLED](#).

**Consular fee: US\$155.** Cash or Money Order only (Cost exempt for citizens of: South Korea, Spain and Japan).

It will be the responsibility of the religious entity that the foreigner (applicant) enters Colombia exclusively to perform activities related to his/her religious belief.



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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 documents 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
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- For U.S citizens the study of the visa application form and documents takes three (3) working days to be reviewed; 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.