



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

VISA FOR RESIDENT INVESTOR (RI)

Prior the authorization by the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a visa for Resident Investor may be granted to a foreigner who makes a direct foreign investment on his name, in accordance with which is foreseen in the statutes of International Investments and additional regulations existing at the time of the application, and for the amount established 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").
- Original certificate issued by the Department of Foreign Exchange of the "Banco de la República" (Departamento de Cambios Internacionales del Banco de la República) establishing that in its files appears the record of the direct foreign investment on the name of the foreigner visa applicant. The minimum amount to be invested in the Colombian territory will be at least one hundred thousand U.S. Dollars (USD \$100.000). The foregoing is in accordance with article 52 of the Decree 4000, of November 30TH 2004, in agreement with what is established in the Statute of International Investments and other existing regulations.
- Police certificate from the last country of residence, extended by the proper authority, granted within the last six (6) months. This certificate is not required from minors under eighteen (18) years of age. The certificate must be translated into Spanish, and both, the original and the copy must be **APOSTILLED**.

US \$375 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 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.