



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

TEMPORARY COLOMBIAN NATIONAL SPOUSE VISA (TC)

This visa may be issued to a foreign citizen who is legally married to a Colombian citizen, or to the foreign citizen who meets the criteria to be considered a permanent companion (spouse) – i.e.: common law marriage-

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").
- Certified original copy of the Colombian Marriage License (**registro civil de matrimonio**) not older than ninety (90) days, or a copy of the legal document that certifies the existence of a common law marriage if applicable. Either document must be APOSTILLED.
- Notarized photocopy of the Colombian spouse's Colombian Citizenship Card (cédula de ciudadanía)
- Original letter written by the Colombian citizen requesting the issuance of the visa to the foreign spouse. This letter must be written **in Spanish, notarized** and APOSTILLED.
- In the event that the foreigner wants to perform an activity other than staying at home or studying, he/she must submit documents which prove the activity to be performed in Colombia. This should be done in accordance with the rules established for Colombian citizens. The applicant should also submit a certificate of employment ratio (Certificado de Proporcionalidad) of foreign versus Colombian workers if he or she is hired by a private entity.

Consular fee: US\$160 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.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- If the spouse is planning on living in Colombia, he/she may bring all the documents that demonstrate his/her future activity in Colombia. Documents such as a work contract, proof of legal existence of his/her own company, or a certificate from the Colombian Chamber of Commerce ("Certificado de Cámara y Comercio"), or bank statements if self-employed.
- 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.
- Documents issued in Colombia must be NOTARIZED by a Colombian Notary Public, and must be also APOSTILLED.
- 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.