



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

VISA FOR A VISITING TECHNICIAN (VT)

A visa for a visiting technician may be granted to a foreigner that intends to enter the country to lend urgent technical services to a public or private enterprise, prior the presentation of a letter of responsibility from the enterprise concerned, justifying the urgency of the required services. The length of the visa cannot be longer than forty five (45) calendar days within the same calendar year.

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 letter of responsibility from the enterprise, in which it justifies the urgency of the required service. It must be translated into Spanish and the original as well as the copy must be **APOSTILLED**.
- Original Certification of the constitution or legal representation of the enterprise.
- Photocopy of the return ticket to leave the country.
- Visitors from those countries with which Colombia has subscribed agreements on visa exemptions do not require a visa to enter the country as visitors. In those cases the Administrative Department of Security (**Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS -**) may grant a permit for entrance and stay.

US \$100 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 issuance of this visa **does not** imply the issuance of beneficiary visas.

The foreigner who enters the country with a visa as a Visiting Technician **cannot** receive salary from persons or entities established in the country, neither can perform activities that are covered by another type of visa.

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.