



CONSULADO GENERAL DE COLOMBIA

VISA FOR TEMPORARY VISITOR (VE)

A visa for temporary visitor may be granted to a foreigner who intends to enter the country without the intention to remain permanently. The purpose of the visit maybe of the following nature: to carry out journalistic activities in order to cover an special event. The visa may be granted to the journalist, reporter, photographer, or anyone who demonstrates to be part of the journalistic team; to applicants who intend to perform commercial activities; to participate in academic activities, in seminars, conferences, as symposiums, and exhibitions; to participate in courses of a special nature, which do not extend beyond an academic semester; to attend interviews in a process of personnel selection in public or private enterprises; for medical treatment; for sports, scientific, or cultural, non -paid events.

In any event as long as there is not an employment contractual agreement.

Likewise, a visa for temporary visitor may be granted to a foreigner who comes to lend training services in public or private enterprises. In this case the length of the visa cannot be for more 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 documents that show evidence of the activity that the applicant is going to perform in Colombia. It must be translated into Spanish, and the original as well as the copy must be **APOSTILLED**.
- Original of the documents that serve as proof of sufficient economic means, in order to perform in Colombia the activities intended.
- Photocopy of the ticket to leave the country.
- The citizens of those countries with which Colombia has established agreements on visa exemptions, do not require a visa to enter the country, as visitors. In these cases the Administrative Department of Security (**Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS**) may grant an Entrance and Stay Permit.

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.



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The foreigner who enters the country with a visa for Temporary Visitor **CAN NOT** receive salary from persons or enterprises established in the country, nor 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.