



**Consulate General of Italy
Lagos**

**ENTRY VISA FOR “FAMILY REASONS” FOR FOREIGN FAMILY MEMBERS
OF ITALIAN AND EU CITIZENS (V.N.)**

The family reasons visa allows entry into Italy, for the continuation of a long-term stay of indefinite duration, to foreign citizens who intend to reunite with their Italian or European Union family member legally residing in Italy.

Eligible family members, identified by Article 2 of Legislative Decree 30/2007, are exclusively: a) The spouse; b) The partner who has contracted a registered union with the EU citizen under the legislation of a Member State; c) Direct descendants under 21 years of age (children), or dependent if over 21 or disabled, including those of the spouse or partner; d) Direct ascendants who are dependent, including those of the spouse or partner (parents, parents-in-law, grandparents).

To apply for the visa, the following must be submitted:

1. [Visa application form](#) duly completed and signed;
2. Valid passport with an expiry date at least three months beyond the duration of stay;
3. One recent [ICAO-format photo](#);
4. Invitation letter from the Italian/EU family member showing the intention to exercise the right to family unity, accompanied by an identity document useful for signature recognition;
5. Civil status documentation issued by the competent Italian authority attesting family status, or marriage/civil union certificate transcribed in Italy, or declaration of initiation of transcription in Italy if the marriage was contracted in Nigeria. For EU citizens legally residing in Italy, a residence certificate issued by the competent Italian municipality must also be presented;
6. In cases where dependency must be verified: proof of regular and continuous financial remittances from the Italian/EU citizen to their relative during the last year. For this type of visa, medical insurance and flight reservation are not required, and visas are issued free of charge.

For family members identified by Article 2 of Legislative Decree 30/2007 accompanying or joining an EU citizen solely for tourism purposes, for short periods, tourist visas will instead be issued with a maximum duration of 90 days, multiple entry.

ATTENTION: The above list of documents should be considered indicative for applicants. The Consulate reserves the right to carry out further checks depending on the case and to request additional documentation.