



**Consulate General of Italy
Lagos**

**ENTRY VISA FOR “FAMILY REASONS” FOR FOREIGN FAMILY MEMBERS
OF FOREIGN CITIZENS LEGALLY RESIDING IN ITALY (V.N.)**

The family reasons visa allows entry into Italy, for a long-term stay, either fixed-term or indefinite, to foreign citizens who intend to reunite with their foreign family member legally residing in Italy, holder of a residence card or permit valid for at least one year issued for subordinate work, self-employment, asylum, study, or religious reasons.

The visa is issued to the categories of family members described in Legislative Decree 286/1998: a) spouse not legally separated, aged 18 or over; b) minor children, including those of the spouse or born outside marriage, or born to unmarried or legally separated couples, provided that the other parent, if existing, has given consent. Minors are considered children under 18 at the time of submission of the authorization request to the Immigration Desk (SUI); c) dependent adult children; d) dependent parents, upon proof of having no other children in the country of origin or provenance who can provide support, due to documented serious health reasons.

Note: Parents over the age of 65 are not required to prove economic dependency but must in any case demonstrate that they have no other children in the country of origin or provenance. The condition of dependent family member must be properly documented to the competent diplomatic-consular representation issuing the visa.

The foreign citizen may request the visa for the above categories of family members only after the request and issuance of the Authorization (Nulla Osta) by the Immigration Desk of the Prefecture – competent Territorial Office. The authorization for family reasons must be used within six months from the date of issue.

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 sixteen months beyond the duration of stay;
3. One recent [ICAO-format photo](#);
4. Flight reservation;
5. Civil status documents, translated and legalized, certifying the family relationship;
6. Authorization (Nulla Osta) from the Immigration Desk;
7. In cases where dependency must be verified: evidence of regular and continuous financial remittances from the Italian/EU citizen to their relative;
8. For parents: suitable documentation certifying the applicant's family status and medical documentation issued by a public hospital confirming that any other children residing in the country of origin cannot provide support due to documented serious health reasons.

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.