



Consulate General of Italy  
Bengaluru

## REQUISITES FOR FAMILY REUNION VISA (D)

### FOR JOINING SPOUSE RESIDENT IN ITALY.

**A Family Reunion Visa** (National – long stay) entitles the holder to move to Italy for the purpose of reuniting with a spouse who is a lawful resident in Italy.

CHECKLIST			✓
1.	<b>Passport</b>	<p>a) Issued within the last 10 years, with validity not exceeding 10 years.</p> <p>b) No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with manual observations will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) Must contain at least 2 blank pages.</p> <p>d) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh &amp; Puducherry).</p> <p>In case the address shown on the passport does not lay in the mentioned States or in case of non-correspondence of the addresses shown in the documents submitted, the applicant must provide proof of residence in the jurisdiction (Aadhaar card, home rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank account) for the last 6 months prior to application submission.</p> <p><b>Endorsement of spouse name in applicants' passport is mandatory.</b></p>	
2.	<b>Applicant's Cover Letter</b>	<p>A cover letter of the applicant specifying the following:</p> <p>a) Name and occupation of the applicant</p> <p>b) Mention if travelling solo or with somebody or a group. In case of co-traveller(s), mention names, passport numbers, relationship with the applicant, existing Schengen visas or visa appointment location and date.</p> <p>c) Travel dates, itinerary, and duration of stay;</p> <p>d) Details of who will be bearing the expenses;</p> <p>e) Purpose of visit;</p> <p>f) Applicant's occupation and (if any) sponsor's occupation.</p> <p>In case of proprietorship, cover letter must be on company letterhead.</p>	
3.	<b>Completed Application Form</b>	<p><b>Application form</b> fully completed and duly signed along with two passport sized photographs on white background (do not staple to the application).</p>	
4.	<b>Nulla Osta</b>	<p><b>"Nulla Osta" issued by the competent S.U.I. (Sportello Unico Immigrazione) in Italy.</b> The Nulla Osta should have been issued within 6 months of the date of application.</p> <p>If there are any discrepancies between the applicant's details on the 'Nulla Osta' and the information on the passport, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru will have to request correction to the relevant S.U.I. in Italy. The application process will remain on hold until the corrections are made.</p>	

5.	<b>Attested passport copy of the inviting person</b>	<b>Original attested copy of the passport (all pages) of the inviting person</b> who has applied for the “Nulla Osta” in Italy. It is advisable also to provide an attested copy of the old passport of the inviting person if available. Attestation must be done at the Italian Comune, Tribunale, Notaio. <b>The passport of the inviting person should bear the spouse’s full name exactly as it appears on the applicant's passport.</b>	
6.	<b>“Permesso di Soggiorno”</b>	<b>Original attested copy of “Permesso di Soggiorno” (Permit of stay) of the inviting person</b> who has applied for the “Nulla Osta” in Italy. If the permit of stay is expired and under renewal then a <u><b>copy of the renewal receipt</b></u> must be also attested.	
7.	<b>Birth Certificate</b>	<b>Duly apostilled Birth Certificate</b> of the applicant. The birth certificate should have been issued <b>directly in English</b> or <b>in the double version</b> (Indian language and English). Translations in English attested by a notary will NOT be accepted.  In case of submission of a birth certificate issued on the basis of <b>a late registration order by S.D.M</b> or any other competent Authority, a copy of the order needs to be submitted along with the birth certificate (or a reference should be included in the birth certificate).	
8.	<b>Marriage Certificate</b>	The <b>Marriage Certificate</b> of the couple must be duly attested (by the Home Department) and apostilled by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. The marriage certificate must have been issued <b>directly in English</b> or <b>in the dual-language version</b> (Indian language and English). Translations in English attested by a notary will NOT be accepted. The marriage certificate must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photo of the spouses. No photomontage allowed.</li> <li>• Age of the spouses at the time of marriage.</li> <li>• Status of the spouses at the time of marriage.</li> </ul> If the status of one spouse is “divorced”, a duly attested and apostilled divorce decree by the competent court should be submitted.  If the status is widowed a duly attested and apostilled death certificate of the deceased spouse should be submitted.	
9.	<b>Dichiarazione Sostitutiva di Atto Notorio</b>	<b>“Dichiarazione Sostitutiva di Atto Notorio”</b> , i.e., attested declaration from the inviting person in Italy, affirming the existence and continuance of the marriage, and confirming that no divorce/litigation/dispute is pending in any court of law. The document must be attested by the local Italian Authorities. It is strongly recommended that the inviting person uses the template provided in the Consulate General and VFS website.	
10.	<b>Idoneità Abitativa &amp; Stato di Famiglia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of “IDONEITA’ ABITATIVA” issued by the Municipality in Italy where the inviting person is a resident.</li> <li>• Certificate of “STATO di FAMIGLIA” and status of residence must be provided.</li> </ul>	
11.	<b>Additional Photos/Documents</b>	Although not compulsory, applicants may submit <b>additional photos</b> portraying them together (of both the marriage and after the marriage) as well as any other documents that may strengthen the application.	
12.	<b>Applicant’s Passport copy</b>	Photocopies of the following pages: a) Front page b) Last page c) Pages with observations or endorsements (if any).	
13.	<b>Flight ticket</b>	One way flight reservation	

### **KINDLY NOTE:**

- **All documents must be submitted in original form, along with two sets of copies.** The original documents will be RETURNED after the visa processing.
- Any forged or counterfeit certificates, affidavits, or passports submitted will not be returned to the applicant. The applicant may face legal prosecution in both the Italian and the Indian Courts.
- The Consulate General reserves the right to request a **personal interview** or additional documents, if deemed necessary.
- Before submitting the visa application, the applicant must ensure that **the name, surname, place of birth, date of birth and spouse/parents' names on passport match the spelling on all other relevant documents**, (e.g., birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree, death certificate, S.D.M. order etc). Any discrepancies in spelling must be corrected **BEFORE** submitting the visa application. If discrepancies are found at the time of submission, VFS may request that the applicants to present the application directly to the Consulate General, who will then decide on its admissibility. If the discrepancy pertains to the birth certificate and/or marriage certificate and it is not possible to obtain a new corrected version, the applicant must submit a "One & the Same" certificate issued by the competent local authority, duly attested (by the Home Department) and apostilled.
- A suspension may occur when additional time is required to process the application, and if further investigations are to be conducted. In this case, the applicant will be notified by the Consulate General through VFS Global that the regular legal deadlines for processing the visa have been interrupted.
- During the visa processing, the applicant may be contacted by email or phone for further clarification.

Please be informed that applicants have no legal right to be issued a visa, but a legitimate interest to have their application processed in compliance with the Italian law and the Schengen regulations. The consular authorities have therefore no obligation to compensate the applicant for any financial loss or moral prejudice resulting from the processing of his/her application.

**By signing here below, the applicant formally confirms:**

- **to have submitted the tick-marked documents;**
- **that the purpose of his/her visit to Italy or the Schengen area corresponds to the requested visa category** (tourism, business, etc.);
- to be aware that, in accordance with the Schengen Visa Code and Italian law, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru can extend the application's processing time in order to request the applicant for a personal interview and/or additional documentation.

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**Acknowledgement by Applicant**

Date :

Sign :