Embassy of Italy
Nairobi

CHECKLIST FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION (*Ricongiungimento Familiare/RF*)
(D - NATIONAL VISA) – Italian/EU Relatives

APPLICANT MUST APPLY IN PERSON - No stapling of documents - Screenshots or photos are inadmissible.
Original & 1 copy (originals and/or certified copies will be returned)

WHO IS CONSIDEREED A RELATIVE AND CAN APPLY FOR A FAMILY REUNIFICATION NATIONAL VISA:

- **Spouse or partner** (registered partnership contracted on the basis of the legislation of a Member State treating registered partnerships equivalent to marriage
- **Direct descendants** (children, grandchildren) under 21 years of age or financially dependant (including those of the spouse or registered partner).
- **Financially dependent parents or grandparents**, including those of the spouse or registered partner (e.g. parents, grandparents)
- **Adoptees/adoptive parents and minors** subject to guardianship/permanent foster care are also considered equivalent to direct

	☐	**VISA APPLICATION,** duly filled out in English and signed by the applicant.
1.	☐	**ONE BIOMETRIC COLOUR PASSPORT PHOTO** (not older than 6 months) (35 mm x 45 mm), on white background, full face and front view, in colour. Scanned or photocopied photos will not be accepted.
2.	☐	**PASSPORT** – Original & One copy of biometric page Valid for a period of *at least 3 months* after the applicant's last day of stay in the Schengen area and not older than 10 years. ***Please ensure that the passport is signed and has 2 facing blank pages to affix visa***
3.	☐	**LETTER OF INTENT/INVITATION BY THE ITALIAN/EU FAMILY MEMBER**, evidencing the intention to exercise the right to family reunification, accompanied by a valid identity document.
4.	☐	**PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP (DULY LEGALISED)** ▪ Marriage/civil partnership/birth certificates/high court decree for adoption (original plus one photocopy). a. Marriage/civil partnership certificates older than 6 months will NOT be accepted; b. Certificates issued by a foreign authority other than Kenya, MUST be translated in English or Italian and legalised by the Italian Consular Office of the issuing Country OR by the Consular Authority in Kenya; c. Certificates issued by one of the Schengen countries will be accepted only if multilingual, otherwise please refer to note "b" **If applying for permanent residency in Italy through marriage to an Italian citizen, it is compulsory to register the marriage at the Consulate General of Italy before applying for the visa.**

THE APPLICANT MUST APPLY FOR "PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO" WITHIN 8 DAYS FROM ENTERING ITALY

Please note that "*Dichiarazione Sostitutiva***" ("Substitute Certification Declaration"),**
by the family member residing in Italy is not accepted

IMPORTANT NOTE: Submission of **FALSE/COUNTERFEITED** documentation will automatically lead to a **VISA REFUSAL** and report will be filed immediately to the relevant Kenyan and/or Italian authorities.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please *verify the accuracy of the visa sticker* and communicate any discrepancies/corrections within 5 working days. (Passport number, your full name, visa's start date, validity time and entries)
- Note that the visa's validity is based on the travel plans specified in the application's documentation (at the Embassy's Officials discretion).

I, the applicant, declare that I have been advised by VFS staff about any incomplete / incorrect documentation regarding my Visa application and that I received back all my original documents, which I had showcased as evidence to the VFS staff.

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Signature: _____

Name of VFS staff accepting the application: _____