Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

FAMILY REASONS

The family-based visa allows foreign nationals to enter Italy for the purpose of a long-term stay—whether for a fixed or indefinite period—if they intend to join a family member who is a foreign national, legally residing in Italy, and holding a residence card or permit valid for at least one year issued for employment, selfemployment, asylum, study, or religious reasons.

The visa is issued to the following categories of family members:

a) a spouse or civil partner who is not legally separated and is at least 18 years of age;

b) minor children, including those of the spouse or born out of wedlock, or born to unmarried or legally separated couples, provided that the other parent, if any, has given consent. Children are considered minors if they have not reached the age of 18 at the time the application for authorization is submitted to the SUI;
c) dependant adult children;

d) Dependent parents, provided they can demonstrate that they have no other children in their country of origin or provenance who can provide for them, due to documented, serious health reasons.

Please note: Parents over the age of sixty-five are not required to demonstrate financial dependence but must, in any case, demonstrate that they have no other children in their country of origin or provenance.

The status of dependent family member must be properly documented to the diplomatic-consular mission responsible for issuing the visa.

A foreign national may apply for a visa for the categories of family members listed above only after requesting and receiving the authorization from the Prefecture's One-Stop Immigration Office—the relevant Territorial Office. The authorization for family reasons must be used within six months of the issuance date.

To apply for a visa, you must submit:

1) a residence visa application form, duly completed and signed;

2) a passport valid for at least 15 months beyond the duration of your stay;

3) a recent ICAO-format photo;

4) civil status documents, translated and legalized, certifying the family relationship;

5) Clearance from the One-Stop Shop for Immigration;

6) In cases where proof of financial support is required: proof of financial remittances from an Italian or EU citizen to their family member, which have been consistent and continuous over the past year;

7) For parents, appropriate documentation verifying the applicant's family status and appropriate medical documentation, issued by a public hospital, confirming that any other children residing in the country of origin are unable to provide for the applicant's support due to documented, serious health reasons;

8) Receipt for payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory;

9) Copy of the national internal passport (page containing personal information and page with the residence stamp).

PLEASE NOTE: The list of documents provided above is intended solely as a guide for users. The office reserves the right to conduct further reviews on a case-by-case basis and to request additional documentation as needed.