



Ambasciata d'Italia
Abu Dhabi - Emirati Arabi Uniti

FAMILY REASONS VISA

Visa Type	D-Type National Visa
Duration	from 91 up to 365 days
Number of entries	multiple
Time limits to apply for the visa	no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date
Time limit to conclude the procedure	30 calendar days
Relevant regulations	Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, articles 28, 29 and 29-bis; Presidential Decree no. 394/1999, articles 2 and 6; Legislative Decree no. 30/2007; Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, Attachment A, section 10; Law no. 76/2016.

OVERVIEW

The family reasons visa permits the entry in Italy for a long-term stay in favor of the below-mentioned citizens:

- Foreign citizen residing abroad who is relative of a foreign citizen legally residing in Italy who wants to avail himself/herself of the right of family reunion;
- Foreign citizen residing abroad who accompanies and is a relative of a foreign citizen holding the Italian Residence Permit or an entry visa for either employment (based on a contract valid at least one year), non-occasional self-employment, study or religious reasons, provided that the requirements related to the availability of an appropriate accommodation in Italy and a suitable income, pursuant to art. 29, paragraph 3, of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, are met.

The Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.

The passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted, taking into consideration that the whole procedure may be extended up to 30 calendar days.

In order to apply for long-term D-type National Visa for family reasons, the citizen resident in Italy, holder of the Italian Residence Permit, must refer to the competent Immigration Office (*Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione*) located in the district where he/she resides, applying for the no-impediment (*nulla osta*) to the family reunion with the foreign citizen living abroad. The kinship must pre-exist the submission of the no-impediment application.

Pursuant to art. 29 of the Legislative Decree 286/1998, only citizens included in the below-listed categories can obtain the family reason visa:

- **Spouse (or part of civil union), not legally divorced and above 18 years old.**

In this case the marriage certificate legally translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country where the certificate has been issued, is required. If the marriage certificate has been issued by an authority headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the certificate can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the authority which issued the certificate is headquartered. The marriage certificate must not be older than 6 months;

- **Children below 18 year old (including children of the spouse or born out of wedlock), unmarried, with the consent of the other parent.**

In this case the birth certificate bearing the names of both the parents, legally translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country where the certificate has been issued, is required. If the birth certificate has been issued by an authority headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the certificate can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the authority which issued the certificate is headquartered;

- **Children above 18 years old, in parents' care and not self-sufficient due to certified serious health reasons involving total invalidity.**

In this case medical reports attesting the invalidity, translated into Italian and legalized by the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country of issuance of the reports, are required. If the medical reports have been issued by a health authority



headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the documents can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the health authority which issued the documents is headquartered;

- **Parents in children's care, being attested that they do not have other children resident in the country of origin or residence.**

In this case the family status certificate, translated into Italian and legalized by the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country of issuance of the certificate, is required. The applicant must also submit all those documents which give evidence that he/she is financially dependent on the son/daughter resident in Italy who has applied for the reunion. All the above mentioned documents must be issued by government authorities. If the mentioned documents have been issued by government authorities headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the documents can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the authorities which issued the documents are headquartered;

- **Parents above 65 years old in children's care, being attested that other children resident in the country of origin or residence are unable to take care of them due to certified serious health reasons.**

In this case medical reports attesting the invalidity, translated into Italian and legalized by the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country of issuance of the reports, are required. If the medical reports have been issued by a health authority headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the documents can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the health authority which issued the documents is headquartered.

The above-listed requirements must be met before applying for the no-impediment (*nulla osta*).

Pursuant to art. 29, paragraph 3, of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, the foreign citizen residing in Italy who applied for the family reunion must prove the following:

- Appropriate and suitable accommodation in compliance with the hygienic-sanitary requirements ascertained by the competent municipal offices. In case of a child under the age of fourteen reuniting with or following one of the parents, the consent of the owner of the accommodation in which the minor will actually reside is sufficient (see the S1 Form);
- Minimum annual income, deriving from lawful sources, which is not less than the annual amount of the social allowance, for each family member to be reunited. As regards to the reunion of two or more children under the age of fourteen or the reunion of two or more family members of holders of subsidiary protection status, an income not less than the double the annual amount of the social allowance. In order to determine the income, the total annual income of the family members living with the citizen resident in Italy is also taken into account;
- Health insurance policy in favor of the over-sixty-five-year-old parent covering all risks within the national territory, or his registration in the National Health Service, upon payment of a contribution whose amount is to be determined by decree of the Minister of Labor, Health and Social Policies, in agreement with the Minister of Economy and Finance, to be adopted every two years.

After having approved the application, the Immigration Office will send the no-impediment to the Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the Country where the foreign citizen living abroad is resident.

As soon as the no-impediment has been issued by the competent Immigration Office, the applicant (the foreign citizen living abroad) shall contact the Visa Office (visa.abudhabi@esteri.it) sending the no-impediment certificate.

After having received the no-impediment file through system sent by the Immigration Office, as well as the no-impediment certificate through e-mail in pdf format by the applicant, the Visa Office will invite the applicant to apply for the Visa submitting the below-listed documents.

The time limit to conclude the procedure is 30 days, which may be suspended in the following circumstances:

- Whether the Embassy requests foreign Authorities to provide data or documents which are deemed necessary for the conclusion of the procedure, pursuant to art. 6, paragraph 3, of the Ministerial Decree no. 171/1995. In this case the time limit to conclude the procedure is suspended until the Embassy receives the response from the competent foreign Authorities.



CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR FAMILY REASONS VISA

1	Application form for D-type National Visa to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant. <i>In case of minors, the form must be signed by both the parents.</i>
2	No. 1 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
3	Original passport. • <i>The passport shall be not older than 10 years.</i> • <i>The passport shall be valid at least 90 days from the date of expiry of the requested visa, taking into consideration that a D-type National Visa valid 365 days will be issued.</i> • <i>The passport shall contain two blank opposite pages at least.</i>
4	Photocopy of the original passport.
5	Photocopy of the UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions) and valid at least 90 days from the intended return date. <i>Applicants holding a UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Dubai or any of the Northern Emirates, in order to apply at the Embassy in Abu Dhabi, must submit the below-listed documents proving that he/she lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi:</i> • <i>Employment certificate attesting that the applicant works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;</i> • <i>Tenancy contract attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi or last three-month water and electricity bills.</i> <i>GCC nationals not holding a UAE Residence Visa can prove to live and work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the same above-listed documents.</i> <i>If the applicant does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member must be submitted.</i>
6	Photocopies of previous Schengen, USA, Canada, Japan, UK visas.
7	No-impediment certificate (<i>nulla osta</i>) issued by the competent Immigration Office (<i>Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione</i>) in Italy, authorizing the family reunion.
8	Declaration signed by the citizen resident in Italy and addressed to the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi, attesting his/her address in Italy and stating to bear all the expenses related to the stay of the applicant in Italy.
9	Copies of the Italian ID/Residence Permit and passport held by the citizen resident in Italy.
10	Certificates attesting the kinship between the applicant and the citizen resident in Italy. <i>Pursuant to art. 29 of the Legislative Decree 286/1998, only citizens included in the below-listed categories can obtain the family reason visa:</i> • <u>Spouse (or part of civil union), not legally divorced and above 18 years old.</u> <i>In this case the marriage certificate legally translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country where the certificate has been issued, is required. If the marriage certificate has been issued by an authority headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the certificate can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the authority which issued the certificate is headquartered. The marriage certificate must not be older than 6 months;</i> • <u>Children below 18 year old (including children of the spouse or born out of wedlock), unmarried, with the consent of the other parent.</u> <i>In this case the birth certificate bearing the names of both the parents, legally translated into Italian and legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the country where the certificate has been issued, is required. If the birth certificate has been issued by an authority headquartered in a State WHICH IS PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, the Apostille to be applied on the certificate can substitute the above-mentioned legalization requirements. For this purpose, the applicant must refer to the competent Government Authorities of the State where the authority which issued the certificate is headquartered;</i>



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11	Medical travel insurance (covering the first months of stay at least). The medical insurance must cover the Schengen Area, with minimum coverage of euro 30.000,00 inclusive of emergency repatriation flight and repatriation of mortal remains. The insurance policy must be issued by an insurance company based in the UAE.
12	Proof of cancellation of the UAE Residence Visa, only if required by the Embassy in particular circumstances.
13	Flight booking. <u>IMPORTANT: the Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.</u>

DECLARATION:

I understand that failing in submitting a complete set of ALL the above-listed documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.

I understand that the Embassy of Italy reserves the right to request additional documents whether needed to properly process the application.

I understand that the time needed to process my visa application might be extended up to 30 calendar days and the passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted.

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read the information on the protection of personal data concerning the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and in the Schengen Area (General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art.13) available on the website of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi.	Initials:
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E-mail address (capital letters)	Mobile number
Place and date	Applicant's signature