



Consulate General of Italy  
Lagos

## REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR FAMILY REUNION

(Subject to prior authorization "*Nulla Osta*" by Italian Immigration Office)

All the documents here listed are compulsory. No application will be accepted if one or more document(s) is/are missing

- Application form duly filled in block capitals. Applicant must sign the visa application form on submission. The visa application form can be downloaded from the [website](#)
- Two recent colour passport-size photographs (white background), size 3.5 x 4.5 cm. As to the technical specification, see the [relevant document](#). Photographs should not be stapled on the application form
- Passport valid for at least 18 months beyond the expiry date of the expected trip, with two empty pages
- Colour photocopy of the passport page containing holder's data
- Non-Nigerian nationals living in Nigeria have to submit copy of the Nigerian Residence Permit

### A. DOCUMENTATION RELEVANT TO THE FAMILY REUNION

#### A.1. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED FROM ITALY

- Photocopy of "**NULLA OSTA AL RICONGIUNGIMENTO FAMILIARE**" (Authorization to the family reunion) issued by competent "*Sportello Unico per l'Immigrazione*" (Italian Immigration Office) **no longer than 6 months**. Prior to the submission of the application, applicants are requested to verify the exact match in spelling and order of their data (surname, names, and date of birth) indicated in the Nulla Osta with those indicated in passport and birth certificate;
- Clear and readable photocopy of the identity card of the spouse/parent/offspring residing in Italy
- Clear and readable photocopy of the Residence Permit of the spouse/parent/offspring residing in Italy;
- Original certificate of family composition "*Certificato di Stato di famiglia*" relevant to spouse/parent/offspring issued by the Italian Municipality no longer than 6 months. This certificate should indicate kinship relationship existing among all the persons indicated in it and their family status "*stato civile*"

#### A.2. DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED FROM NIGERIA

**The documents listed here below must be duly legalized by the Nigerian Ministry of External Affairs in Abuja, translated in Italian and legalized by the Consulate General of Italy in Lagos prior to the visa submission**

##### 1. spouse joining the spouse in Italy:

- Marriage certificate
- Birth Certificate if born after 14th December 1992; or
- Attestation of birth issued by National Population Commission if born before 14<sup>th</sup> December 1992. This attestation must be accompanied by an Affidavit of age sworn in a Federal High Court to by either of his/her parent or, if they are deceased, by older sibling or an eldest family member. The Affidavit must be accompanied by the passport photograph of both the recipient, and the declarant, and copy of National ID card or valid passport (data page) of the latter.



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## 2. Child joining parent/s in Italy:

- Birth Certificate issued by the Registry for Birth and Death Certificate (National Population Commission)
- consent to leave Nigeria given by biological father/mother living in Nigeria in the form of an Affidavit sworn in a Federal High Court with passport photograph both the child and the declaring parent plus photocopy of National ID card or valid passport (data page) of the declaring parent, (if applicable) or
- Death certificate, if the parent in Nigeria is deceased (if applicable), or
- Declaration of full custody in favor of the mother/father living in Italy, issued by a Federal High Court

## 3. Parent joining offspring in Italy:

- Attestation of birth issued by National Population Commission. This attestation must be accompanied by an Affidavit of Age, sworn in a Federal High Court by an older sibling, or an eldest family member. The Affidavit must be accompanied by the passport photograph of both the recipient and the declarant and copy of National ID card or valid passport (data page) of the latter
- Affidavit of "*Family composition*" sworn in by the applicant in a Federal High Court. In this "*Family composition Affidavit*", the applicant must indicate full names and detailed residential addresses of each child and working places (if applicable). The Sworn Affidavit must contain passport photo of the declaring person plus photocopy of own passport
- Verifiable documentary evidence of financial dependence of the applicant from the offspring in Italy for the last five years

## APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- The Consulate General of Italy **reserves the right** to demand for any additional document if deemed essential
- All the documents should be provided in original and copy. Original documents will be returned to applicants while copies will be kept with the visa application. No photocopy will be accepted, except the photocopy of the ID card or passport of the family member residing in Italy
- Any **forged/fake document or passport** submitted **will not** be returned to the applicant who **will be prosecuted** in the Italian and the Nigerian Court

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Discrepancy, if any spelling, in the surname, names, order of names and/or wrong date and/or place of birth of the spouse/child/parent mentioned in the "***Nulla Osta***" will result in a delay in processing the application, since its variation is done by the ***Questura*** in Italy.

In the visa application form, the applicant should indicate his/her own valid mobile phone number and e-mail address. The applicant should check on a regular basis his/her e-mail as the Consulate General might send important notices by this mean and applicants should respond through e-mail as well.