



**EMBASSY OF ITALY
NEW DELHI**

**REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR FAMILY REUNION VISA OF PARENTS
OF INDIANS RESIDING IN ITALY**

1	Application form fully completed and signed by applicant. The application must be submitted by the applicant (not by an agent). The applicant, identified with a valid photo ID, must sign the form at the moment of submission.
2	One recent (not older than 6 months) passport-size photograph (white background).
3	Passport/Travel document: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• issued within the previous 10 years and with a total validity not exceeding 10 years,• with at least 2 years of residual validity,• with at least 2 blank pages. The passport must have been issued by the authorities of the Indian states included in the jurisdiction of the Embassy.
4	“Nulla Osta” (or its reference number), issued by the competent S.U.I. in Italy. The “Nulla Osta” is valid only for six months from its date of issuance. Any <u>discrepancy in the details of the applicant on the “Nulla Osta”</u> will have to be <u>corrected</u> to correspond to the passport’s data. The Embassy will request the correction to the competent S.U.I. in Italy. The application will remain pending at the Embassy until the required correction is done.
5	Original attested copy of the passport (all pages) of the inviting person (son/daughter), holder of the “Nulla Osta” in Italy. Attestation may be done at the Italian Comune, Tribunale or Notaio.
6	Apostilled birth certificate of the inviting person (son/daughter) of the applicant. The birth certificate must have been issued directly in English or in the double version Hindi-English or Punjabi-English. Translations in English attested by a notary will NOT be accepted. Translations in Italian are NOT required. In case of submission of a birth certificate issued on the basis of a late registration order by S.D.M or any other competent Authority, a copy of the order needs to be submitted together with the birth certificate.
7	Affidavit from the applicant, stating his/her economic conditions and the names of all his/her children (sons and daughters), their date of birth and their current place of residence. The affidavit must be attested by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Public Notary;• the Sub-Divisional Magistrate or the Deputy Commissioner of the place where it was issued;• the Home Secretary of State and then duly apostilled by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. In case of other sons/daughters residing outside of India, a proof of their regular residence in the relevant foreign country must be submitted.

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Proof of “economic dependency”.

Economic dependence from the inviting son/daughter must be proved:

- through evidences of remittance of money from him/her, demonstrating an economic support that is continuous and prolonged over time, AND/OR
- demonstrating that the applicant has no other means of support (i.e. with bank account passbook of the applicant).

Failing to demonstrate the economic dependence from the inviting son/daughter entails the rejection of the visa application.

KINDLY NOTE:

- The categories of relatives entitled to family reunion are specified in the Italian legislation and namely in the Testo Unico sull’Immigrazione, Decreto legislativo 5/07/1998 n° 286 e ss.mm. You and the inviting person in Italy are expected to be aware of such legislation before applying.
- **All documents must be submitted in original and in one copy.** The original documents will be returned in case the visa is issued. The original document will NOT be returned in case the visa application is rejected.
- Any forged or fake certificate/affidavit/passport submitted will NOT be returned and the applicant might be prosecuted in both the Italian and the Indian Courts.
- Before submitting his/her application, the applicant must make sure that **his/her name, surname, place of birth, date of birth and spouse/parents’ names on passport appear with the same spelling on all other relevant documents**, such as birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree, death certificate, S.D.M. order etc. Any spelling error in any of the documents must be corrected **BEFORE** submitting the visa application.
- The Embassy reserves the right to ask for a **personal interview** or **additional documents**.
- The applicant should be aware that, during the visa processing, the need could arise:
 - of being contacted via mail or phone for further clarifications;
 - of being notified a “suspension”¹ or an “advance notice for refusal”².Therefore it is essential to provide updated contact details – both phone/mobile numbers and emails and to regularly check the visa application status.

¹ A suspension occurs when more time is needed to decide on the application and further investigations should be conducted. In that case the applicant will be notified by the Embassy through VFS that the normal legal deadlines for processing the visa are interrupted.

² An advance notice for refusal occurs when the Embassy is oriented to deny the visa but concedes the applicants 10 working days to make comments or to produce additional documentation.