Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

Family Reunification Visa

FAMILY MEMBERS OF EU/EEA CITIZENS

EU (Directive 2004/38/EC) and Italian legislation (Legislative Decree 30/2007) provide facilitated procedures for issuing visas to family members of EU/EEA citizens.

Applicants are invited to consult the checklist below.

Important update: as of **1 June 2024**, non-EU family members intending to reside in Italy must apply for a **National Visa (type D)**, to be converted into a residence permit within 8 working days of arrival. For stays under 90 days, a **Schengen short-stay visa** will be issued.

Eligibility

The following family members are eligible:

- Spouse;
- Registered partner (if recognized as equivalent to marriage);
- Children under 21 or dependent, including those of the spouse/partner;
- Dependent parents, including those of the spouse/partner.

Adopted children and individuals under guardianship are also eligible.

Conditions

- Visas are issued **free of charge**;
- Applications must be submitted at the competent Embassy/Consulate;
- Appointments via **Prenot@mi**;
- **No Nulla Osta required**;
- Visa validity: up to **365 days, multiple entry**;
- Residence permit application required within **8 working days of arrival**.

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation whenever deemed necessary.

The documents required for the visa application are as follows. Applicants are strongly advised to submit all documentation complete, up to date, and in compliance with the indicated requirements.

- Duly completed and signed national visa application form (National Form). For minors, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required.
- Valid passport accompanied by a copy, with a remaining validity of at least three months beyond the intended date of departure from the Schengen area, issued within the last ten years, and containing at least two blank pages.
- Recent ICAO-format photograph (3.5 x 4.0 cm), with a white or light-colored background, taken within the last six months. For further information on photo requirements, please consult the ICAO Photograph Guidelines.
- Valid proof of residence in Ethiopia or in the country where the application is submitted.
- Flight reservation. Purchasing the ticket is not required.
- **Original signed invitation letter** from the person hosting the applicant, written in Italian or English and issued no more than six months prior to submission. A copy of the host's valid identity document should also be attached.
- **Copy of the identity document or passport of the family member** who is an Italian citizen or a citizen of another European Union Member State.
- **Documentation proving the family relationship with the EU citizen**, such as a marriage certificate, birth certificate, proof of kinship, or equivalent document. Such documentation must be translated into Italian and legalized/notarized.
- If the applicant is a direct descendant of the EU citizen (or of the EU citizen's spouse) and is over 21 years of age, documentation proving financial dependency must be provided.
- If the applicant is a direct ascendant of the EU citizen or of the EU citizen's spouse, documentation proving financial dependency must be provided.
- Applicants under 18 years of age must submit the original and a copy of the authorization to travel abroad, signed by the biological parent(s) who are not legally residing in Italy. In the event of the death of one parent, the death certificate must be submitted, translated into Italian, and legalized/notarized.