

## **VISA APPLICATION GUIDELINE**

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**1.** Verify the **type of visa** and **supporting documents** required according to the activities you will undertake in Colombia. Please visit the following link for further information:

http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/procedures\_services/visa/requirements

**2.** Start your application online here: <u>https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml</u>

**Please keep in mind:** to select the option of finalizing the process and making the payments at this Consulate: "C. LONDRES"

**3.** After finishing your application online, please proceed to make a payment of the visa study online:

- Via PSE (Colombian Payment Services): click here.

- By card (Visa or Mastercard): <u>click here</u>.

To check the fees in Sterling Pounds according to the type of visa, check the following link:

https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/costosVisa.xhtml

**4.** Be attentive to email or phone numbers submitted by you on your visa application. Depending on the type of visa and supporting documents, you might be summoned to an interview. Additional documentation may be required as well.

**5.** In case the visa is approved, you must make a second payment in the same way that you made the first payment for the visa study. Once the second payment is received, you will receive an email with guidance for stamping the visa on your passport.

**6.** Be aware of **latest travel restrictions to enter Colombia**. The visa itself isn't the solely requirement to enter Colombia, as you must comply with the current sanitary measures.

Important additional information on the visa application:

- After the first payment, you will receive an email with the answer. In most cases, this occurs within **2 to 5 working days** after the application has been processed, however, in some cases the study of your application can take more time. Therefore, we strongly recommend you start your application online at least 2-3 weeks before the travelling date.
- The reception and study of the required documents in visa applications do not indicate visa approval.
- As mentioned above, there are two payments in the visa process (there is a fee for the study of the documents and another one for the visa once approved). Please note that the accepted payment method in this Consulate is debit/credit card.
- It is a discretional order of the Colombian Government, based on the principle of State sovereignty to authorize the entrance, stay and exit of foreigners from the national territory, ruled by Decree 1067 of 2015.
- The requirements for the issue of visas have been established by Ministerial Resolution. Therefore, make sure you have uploaded the complete required documents in your application; otherwise your application could be unadmitted or denied.
- The consular authority in charge of visas has the power to request interviews and additional supporting documents, in case it is considered appropriate. The notification of this request may be done personally or through any other mean of communication.

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