

### **Guidelines regarding the validity and admissibility of documentation**

1. Documents issued by Pakistani authorities must bear an Apostille. Documents issued by authorities of third countries must, where possible, be apostilled or legalized.
2. Only documents drafted in English or accompanied by a translation into Italian are accepted. Translations must be certified by a notary whose signature must in turn be duly apostilled.
3. Please note that, pursuant to current Italian and Pakistani legislation, the documentation submitted is valid for six months from the date of issue.
4. Please note that only visa applications submitted by applicants permanently residing within the consular jurisdiction of this Embassy will be considered admissible.
5. Minors must be accompanied by one or both parents or by their legal guardians when submitting visa applications. Visa applications signed exclusively by the minor will be considered inadmissible.

### **National Visa (Type D) for Adoption**

#### **General Documents Required**

1. Original National Visa Application Form.
2. One recent ICAO-compliant passport photograph.
3. Proof of residence within this consular jurisdiction.
  - Residence certificate, and
  - For Pakistani nationals: a copy of the National Identity Card (CNIC).
  - For foreign nationals: proof of lawful residence in Pakistan (e.g. a long-stay visa and/or residence or work permit).

**Note:** In the case of married women, the CNIC must be updated to reflect the husband's name.

4. Valid passport, original and one photocopy, with an expiry date at least three months beyond the validity of the requested visa.
5. Specific power of attorney signed by the parent who is not present when the visa application is submitted, where applicable.

## **Mandatory documents required according to the status of the adoptive parent(s)**

### Italian Citizens Residing in Italy Adopting a Child Resident in Pakistan

- Authorization for entry into Italy issued by the Italian Commission for International Adoptions.

### Foreign Citizens Residing in Italy Adopting a Child Resident in Pakistan in Accordance with the Laws of Their Country of Nationality

- Adoption suitability decree issued by the Juvenile Court (*Tribunale per i Minorenni*);
- Authorization for entry into Italy issued by the Italian Commission for International Adoptions.

### Dual Nationals or Mixed Couples (Italian and Foreign National) Residing in Italy Adopting a Child Resident in Pakistan

- Adoption suitability decree issued by the Juvenile Court (*Tribunale per i Minorenni*);
- Authorization for entry into Italy issued by the Italian Commission for International Adoptions.

### Italian Citizens Residing Abroad for More Than Two Years Adopting a Foreign Child Resident in Pakistan

- Adoption suitability decree issued by the Juvenile Court (*Tribunale per i Minorenni*), where required by the legislation of the country of residence;
- Foreign adoption order recognized and declared enforceable by the competent Juvenile Court (*Tribunale per i Minorenni*);
- Clearance (*Nulla Osta*) issued by the Italian Commission for International Adoptions.

**Note:** Foreign citizens residing in Italy who adopted a foreign child residing in Pakistan before establishing residence in Italy must apply for a Family Reunification Visa.

The Embassy reserves the right to request any additional documentation deemed necessary.