

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS

Legalization and registration of marriages celebrated in Bangladesh in which one of the spouses is an Italian citizen:

According to the Italian law (Presidential Decree 396-2000), marriages celebrated in Bangladesh by Bangladeshi entities, involving at least one Italian citizen, once attested by the Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated by authorized translators only, must be duly legalized and subsequently registered (in Italian language: trascrizione) by the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka to the competent Italian municipality records.

All applicants must comply with the following guidelines as of 25 september 2016; incomplete applications will not be considered.

LEGALIZATION AND REGISTRATION MUST BE REQUESTED AT THE SAME TIME

The applicants must deliver at the same time to the Embassy of Italy, through VFS, the documents listed as per the instructions below:

- I. applicants having acquired Italian citizenship after the marriage (e.g. Bangladeshi citizen married in Bangladesh in 2009 that has obtained Italian citizenship in 2013);
 - a. a recent (issued not more than 5 months before the presentation to VFS) Bangladeshi family certificate, duly attested, and translated in Italian;
 - b. original marriage certificate and Nikanama (for Muslim marriages) or the certificates otherwise required (for Hindu, Buddhist, Christian marriages);
 - c. the compulsory request of registration transmission (attached) must be addressed using the attached form to Consular Office of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka, signed in original and filled in by both spouses, with copy of Italian and Bangladesh passports enclosed (including page with picture and signature)
- II. applicants that have married in Bangladesh after the acquisition of Italian citizenship (e.g. Bangladesh citizen that has obtained Italian citizenship in 2014 and has married in Bangladesh in 2015) or Italian citizen by birth residing in or coming to Bangladesh willing to marry a Bangladeshi citizen. These applicants are requested to present to Embassy:

- a. self declaration (in Italian language; auto certificazione) of official residence (Comune di residenza) and free status of the Italian citizen, dated prior to the marriage, and /or joint certificate (certificato constestuale in Italian) of birth, residence and civil status certificate) , issued by Italian municipality of the Italian citizen not before 3 months of the date marriage ;
- b. Bangladeshi family certificate (issued not more than 5 months before the presentation to VFS) comprising children from previous marriages or relations of the newly married couple, attested and translated in Italian;
- c. original marriage certificate and Nikanama (for Muslim marriages) or the documents otherwise required (for Hindu, Buddhist, Christian)
- d. the compulsory request of registration transmission (attached) must be addressed using the attached form to Consular Office of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka, signed and filled in by both spouses, with copy of Italian and Bangladesh passports enclosed (including page with picture and signature)

The documents must be delivered (signed in original by both spouse, in person or through an authorized agent) and brought to the VFS Agency, who will provide to forward them to the Italian Embassy in Dhaka for the final verification and legalization.

Applicants are kindly requested to refrain from showing up directly at Embassy for legalization and registration purposes,

Incomplete application will be sent back and those who presented fraudulent documents will be reported to competent Italian and Bangladesh police and judiciary authorities.

FOLLOWING STEPS

As mandated by the law, the Embassy will keep the original marriage documents in his archives and a certified truly copy of the marriage will be sent by the Embassy to the competent Italian Municipality for the necessary registration and updating of the records concerning Italian nationals.

A copy of the legalized marriage documents and of the Protocolled Transmission Registration Note will be handed over to the applicants through VFS.

VERIFICATIONS AND CONTROLS

The consular office, in charge of legalization, and the visa office of the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka are entitled to conduct all the necessary verifications to ascertain the respect of legal procedures (e.g legalization by the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka) and the authenticity of the marriage, also considering their compliance of the guidelines regarding the fight against immigration scams, fraud and arranged marriages.

Marriages that have been fraudulently registered without being previously legalized by the Embassy of Italy in Dhaka will be reported to competent authorities.

False certifications and declarations will be prosecuted according to the law.

Dhaka, 6 september 2016