Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

DIGITAL NOMADS

(ARTICLE 27(1)(Q-BIS) AND ARTICLE 27(1-SEXIES) OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE 286/1998)

The entry visa for digital nomads and remote workers is issued to foreign nationals who intend to perform highly skilled work in Italy, pursuant to Article 27-quater, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree 286/98.

A digital nomad is someone who will engage in self-employment using technological tools that enable them to work remotely. They will perform work as an employee or contractor in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree No. 81 of June 15, 2015. The employer or client may have its registered office in Italy or abroad.

To apply for a visa, you must submit:

1) A recent ICAO-format photo;

2) A signed visa application form, fully completed and dated;

3) A passport valid for at least 15 months in the case of a D visa;

4) A receipt for payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory;

5) Copy of the national identity card (page containing personal information and page with the residence stamp)

Applicants must also demonstrate that they are highly qualified workers pursuant to Article 27-quater, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree 286/98 by providing the following documentation:

a) Possession of a tertiary-level higher education degree (issued by an accredited university in the country where it was obtained) certifying the completion of a higher education program lasting at least three years or a postsecondary vocational qualification lasting at least three years or corresponding to at least Level 6 of the National Qualifications Framework referred to in the decree of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies dated January 8, 2018. Compliance with the requirements set forth in the Legislative Decree of November 6, 2007, must be certified prior to submitting the visa application by one of the authorities listed in Article 5 of Legislative Decree No. 206 of November 6, 2007 (List of Regulated Professions and Competent Authorities - Business and Europe - impresainungiorno.gov.it), and this certification must be submitted at the time the visa application is filed.

b) To prove possession of a higher professional qualification attested by at least five years of professional experience, the applicant must submit the following documents issued by a public authority in the country where such experience was gained (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, municipality, relevant public agencies, social security agencies, etc.). Identifying information about the company and the specific sector in which the company operates or has operated; the position held by the individual within the company; a copy of the employment contract and copies of pay stubs for the period of employment (at least two for each year reported);

c) A statement from the employer describing the work experience gained within the company and specifying the start and end dates of employment;

d) Possession of an advanced professional qualification attested by at least three years of relevant professional experience acquired during the seven years prior to the submission of the application;

e) Have an annual income from lawful sources of at least three times the minimum threshold required for exemption from health care cost-sharing (approximately 27,000 euros);

f) Travel health insurance, valid for the entire duration of the visa;

g) Suitable housing;

h) At least 6 months of prior experience in the type of work to be performed as a digital nomad or remote worker;

Remote workers only must also submit:

1. An employment contract, a contract for services, or a binding offer to perform work that requires meeting one of the requirements set forth in Article 27-quater, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree No. 286 of July 25, 1998. The amount of annual compensation, As specified in the employment contract or binding offer, the salary must not be less than the compensation provided for in the national collective bargaining agreements entered into by the most representative trade unions at the national level and, in any case, must not be less than the average annual gross salary as reported by ISTAT (http://dati.istat.it/viewhtml.aspx?il=blank&vh=0000&vf=0&vcq=1100&graph=0&viewmetadata=1&lang=it&QueryId=12006);
2. A statement signed by the employer, accompanied by a copy of a valid identification document certifying that the employer has not been convicted of any of the offenses referred to in Article 22, paragraph 5-bis, of the Consolidated Law within the last 5 years.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS CERTIFIED COPIES (OR COPIES CONFORMING TO THE ORIGINAL) Bearing an Apostille and Accompanied by an Italian Translation Prepared by One of This Consulate General's Authorized Translators.

PLEASE NOTE: The list of documents provided above is intended solely as a guide for users. The office reserves the right to conduct further reviews on a case-by-case basis and to request additional documentation as needed.