Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

The self-employment visa allows foreign nationals who intend to engage in a professional or work activity on a non-salaried basis, pursuant to Article 26 of Consolidated Law No. 286/1998, to enter Italy for a short- or long-term stay, whether for a fixed or indefinite period.

The issuance of new entry visas is reserved for the following categories of workers:

1) entrepreneurs engaged in activities of interest to the Italian economy;
2) self-employed professionals;
3) partners and directors of non-cooperative companies;
4) artists of international renown and with high professional qualifications, hired by public and private entities;

To apply for a visa, you must submit:

1) Application form;
2) A recent ICAO-format photo;
3) A valid passport with an expiration date at least 3 months beyond the duration of the stay for a C visa, or 15 months for a D visa;
4) A recently issued clearance certificate from the Questura;
5) Sufficient financial resources in Italy;
6) A purchase or lease agreement for a property;
7) Proof of income exceeding the minimum threshold for exemption from healthcare cost sharing;
8) Travel health insurance, valid for the entire duration of the visa, providing a minimum coverage of 30,000.00 euros for emergency hospitalization expenses and repatriation costs; (for Schengen visas only);
9) Receipt for payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory;
10) Copy of the national passport (page with personal information and page with the residence stamp;

An entry visa for self-employment may be issued to partners and directors of companies or to holders of selfemployment contracts only if the company in Italy where the worker will be employed is found—upon review of the Chamber of Commerce registration certificate—to have been active in Italy for at least 3 years.

The issuance of an entry visa for self-employment to a foreign applicant who wishes to engage in entrepreneurial, commercial, or artisanal activities is contingent upon the submission of a certificate, issued by the competent Chamber of Commerce, confirming the estimated resources necessary for such activities, which the applicant must have available in Italy.

For the purposes of the diplomatic-consular mission's verification of compliance with the requirements set forth in the relevant legislation, a worker who is not a citizen of the European Union must, in any case, demonstrate that he or she has suitable housing and an annual income from lawful sources that exceeds the minimum threshold established by law for exemption from contributing to healthcare costs or a corresponding guarantee from Italian entities or citizens, or from foreign nationals lawfully residing in Italy.

Self-employed workers may not carry out their activities for any client other than the one for whom the visa was issued, and they may not have their residence permit converted for any other reason.

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.