Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

STUDY PURPOSES

A student visa allows a foreign national to enter Italy for a short- or long-term, but fixed-term, stay in order to pursue university courses, academic programs, or vocational training at recognized or otherwise accredited institutions, or to engage in cultural and research activities.

For all visa applications involving minors, a written consent to travel must be obtained—in accordance with the regulations in force in the country of residence—signed by each parent or legal guardian who is not accompanying the minor on the trip, or, in their absence, by the legal guardian (Art. 3, Ministerial Decree 850/2011).

To apply for a visa, the following must be submitted for all types of STUDY visas:

1) a visa application form, duly completed and signed;
2) a passport valid for at least three months beyond the duration of the stay, or valid for at least 15 months in the case of a D visa;
3) a recent ICAO-format photo;
4) documentation of enrollment or pre-enrollment in the academic program, vocational training, or cultural activity to be undertaken;
5) language certification. Students must demonstrate their knowledge of the Italian language through certifications at a level no lower than B2. For courses taught in English, students must provide certification attesting to adequate knowledge of the language. If the student's language proficiency has been verified by the university or the training and/or internship organization, the campus reserves the right to verify it through an interview.
6) round-trip flight reservation;
7) proof of accommodation for at least the initial period of stay (hotel reservation, letter of invitation, etc.);
8) letter of invitation, if necessary;
9) an insurance policy covering medical treatment and hospital stays, in cases where the foreign national is not entitled to health care in Italy under agreements or conventions in effect with their country of origin;
10) documentation proving the availability of adequate financial resources and means of support in Italy (the reference amount (pursuant to Art. 4, paragraph 3, of Legislative Decree 286/1998 and Annex A, point 17, of Ministerial Decree 850/2011) is that set forth in the Table of the Ministry of the Interior Directive dated March 1, 2000);
11) a copy of your academic degree, duly legalized and translated into Italian;
12) receipt of payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory (only for "D" visas);

PLEASE NOTE: The original copies of the documents listed above, which serve as proof of sufficient financial means, must be submitted, signed, and stamped by the issuing authority.

STUDY VISA "FORMAZIONE"

The "Formazione" study visa applies to participation in academic and vocational training courses aimed at obtaining a qualification or certification of acquired skills, with a duration not exceeding 24 months, organized exclusively by training institutions accredited in accordance with regional regulations. The training course must be consistent with the foreign student's prior education and training in their country of origin.

To apply for a visa "Formazione", you must also submit:

1) Previous academic credentials, duly translated by a certified translator and apostilled in accordance with current regulations, accompanied by the relevant declaration of equivalence or CIMEA certification.

2) A certificate issued by the local Ministry of Education attesting, where required, that you have passed academic aptitude tests;

3) Previous educational and/or professional experience, duly certified, in the field of the course you intend to take in Italy. In this case, the documentation must be accompanied by proof of registration with the local chamber of commerce of the issuing authority, and the signatures on the certificate(s) must be validated and authenticated by the relevant local ministry;

4) Participation in activities, academic programs, or vocational training courses related to medicine and healthcare: In cases where the activities do not involve providing healthcare services to patients, the visa application must be accompanied by a statement from the legal representative of the healthcare facility where the study activities are taking place, confirming that the applicant will not engage in such activities.

STUDY VISA "TIROCINIO FORMATIVO" (ALSO CALLED "EXTRACURRICULARI")

The study visa "Tirocinio Formativo" covers activities carried out as part of an internship aimed at completing a professional training program. Training and career guidance internship programs are organized by entities designated by regional regulations governing extracurricular internships and career guidance.

To apply for this visa, you must also submit:

1) The training program approved by the relevant department of the region in question.

2) Proof of sufficient financial resources, assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of the Interior Directive dated March 1, 2000.

STUDY VISA "TIROCINIO CURRICULARE" (ART. 39-BIS(1-BIS) LAW 286/98)

These visas are eligible for academic credits and are included in the curricula of universities and educational institutions in accordance with applicable regulations.

To apply for a curricular study visa "TIROCINIO CURRICULARE" (art. 39-bis, paragraph 1-bis of Consolidated Law 286/98), you must also submit:

1) The training agreement between the sending educational institution, the host organization, and the student, specifying the program, the conditions for placement and supervision of the internship, the objectives and duration of the internship, the resources made available to the participants for their stay and for food and lodging expenses, the cost of the return trip, and the requirement to obtain health insurance.

LANGUAGE COURSE STUDY VISA

The "Language Course" study visa is intended for short- or long-term stays to attend courses designed to improve proficiency in the Italian language and culture at Italian universities or other public or private institutions.

STUDY VISA FOR EXCHANGE AND MOBILITY PROGRAMS

The “Exchange and mobility program” student visa is intended for foreign students participating in:

a) recognized/authorized exchange, mobility, or partnership programs stemming from European (including Erasmus Plus) or national programs, or from collaborations between institutions academic, scientific, and educational purposes, as well as within the framework of agreements, conventions, and implementation protocols with foreign universities.

To apply for a study visa for exchange and mobility programs, you must also submit:

1) the agreement between the sending educational institution, the host institution, and the student, specifying the program, the conditions for the student’s placement and supervision, the program’s objectives and duration, any resources made available to applicants to cover their stay and expenses for room and board, return travel expenses, and the requirement to purchase health insurance;

PLEASE NOTE: The list of all the 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.