



Consulate General of Italy
Bengaluru

REQUISITES FOR DIGITAL NOMAD or REMOTE EMPLOYMENT VISA (C or D)

This visa categories are intended for

- **freelancers, consultants, and other independent specialists** who intend to carry out **self-employed work activities** through the use of technological tools that allow them to work remotely;
- **professionals** who intend to carry out **employment work**, through the use of technological tools that allow remote working, in accordance with the arrangements set out in **Article 2, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree no. 81 of 15 June 2015**; the **employer or principal** may have their **registered office in Italy or abroad**.

Only highly specialized workers as defined as follows are eligible to apply.

CHECKLIST			✓
1.	Passport	<p>a) Issued within the previous 10 years, and the validity must not exceed 10 years.</p> <p>b) No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with any manual observations will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) Must have a validity of at least 3 months after the intended stay.</p> <p>d) Have at least 2 blank pages.</p> <p>e) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry); otherwise, proof of address for a minimum of 6 months must be provided.</p> <p><i>Note: If the address indicated on the passport is not within the jurisdiction of this Consulate General, or if there is any discrepancy among the addresses provided in the submitted documents, the applicant must provide proof of residence within the jurisdiction for the six months preceding the application. Acceptable documents include an Aadhaar card, rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, or bank account statement.</i></p>	
2.	Completed Application Form	<p>a) 2 signatures of the applicant.</p> <p>b) 2 passport-sized photographs to be submitted</p> <p>c) Travel dates and duration of stay must be mentioned.</p> <p>d) Contact details must be mentioned clearly and must pertain to the applicant only, NOT TO AN AGENT.</p>	
3.	Cover Letter	<p>A cover letter from the applicant specifying the following:</p> <p>a) Full name and occupation of the applicant, including a brief description of the professional role and nature of remote work to be performed in Italy.</p> <p>b) Travel dates, itinerary, and intended duration of stay in Italy.</p> <p>c) Details regarding financial responsibility, specifying who will bear all travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses during the applicant's stay.</p> <p>d) Purpose of visit, explicitly stating that the applicant intends to reside in Italy while working remotely as a digital nomad / independent professional, in accordance with Italian visa regulations.</p> <p>e) Applicant's occupation and, where applicable, the sponsor's occupation, including a brief context about the nature of work and how income is generated.</p> <p><i>Note: In the case of proprietorship, the cover letter must be prepared on the company's official letterhead.</i></p>	

4.	Proof of Qualifying Profession	<p>Applicant must be a highly skilled worker demonstrated, alternatively, by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree certified through Declaration of Value or CIMEA. b) For professions licensed by government agencies, such as architects, engineers, teachers, etc., please present an attestation from the applicable Italian Authority certifying that you possess the requirements set out by Legislative Decree n. 206 of 6 November 2007 (see <i>Elenco Professioni regolamentate e autorità competenti - impresainungiorno.gov.it</i>). c) A higher professional qualification with proof of at least five years' professional experience in the field. For each employment in the relevant five years, the applicant must submit the following documents released by the Public Authority of the country where the expertise was acquired: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identification data of the company and the business sector it operates or operated in; - the position held within the company (owner, partner, employee); - copy of the employment contract and/or copies of the pay slips related to the period worked (at least two for each year); - letter from the company or employer describing your professional duties at the company including the start and end dates of the employment. d) Possession of a higher professional qualification evidenced by at least three years of relevant professional experience, acquired within the seven years preceding the submission of the application, where the applicant is a manager or a specialist in the field of information and communication technologies, as classified under ISCO-08 codes no. 133 and no. 25. <p>The documentation referred to in points a), b) and d), if issued by authorities/entities outside the European Union, must be duly attested and apostilled and accompanied by a translation into Italian, duly attested by the Italian authorities.</p>	
5.	Proof of Legal Income	<p>The applicant must demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that they have previous experience of at least six months in the work activity to be carried out as a digital nomad or remote worker; - to have a minimum annual income from lawful sources not lower than three times the minimum level required for exemption from participation in the national healthcare costs. <p>In order to demonstrate this requirement, the applicant must submit the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Personal Bank Statement of the last 1 year with bank stamp and seal (in every page) in original copy; o Salary slips of the last 6 months (in case of remote work/employment); o Client contracts and invoices of the last 6 months (in case of digital nomad/self-employment); o ITR acknowledgement for the last 3 years or form 16A. <p><i>Note: Passive income, including but not limited to Social Security, rental income, dividends, investment returns and/or stocks, will not be considered.</i></p>	
6.	Proof of Employment only for Remote Workers (employed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Employment contract or the related binding offer for the performance of a highly qualified work (as provided for under Article 27-quater, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree no. 286 of 25 July 1998) showing salary equal to or above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relevant Italian collective labour agreement, and ▪ Italian median salary (ISTAT) b) Employer Declaration Letter, signed by authorised executive and accompanied by a copy of the signee's ID, with the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o authorization to work remotely for the applicant and the prosecution of the employment during the stay in Italy; 	

		<p>declaration that employer has not been convicted in the last 5 years for the offences referred to in Article 22, paragraph 5-bis, of the Legislative Decree no. 286 of 25 July 1998 (facilitation of illegal immigration, violations of labour law, crimes of exploitation)</p> <p><i>Note: The employer or principal may have their registered office in Italy or abroad.</i></p>	
7.	Proof of Accommodation in Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease / Rental contract / Property deed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ must be in the applicant's name ○ must cover the entire duration of intended stay in Italy • Rental contracts must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ be registered with Agenzia delle Entrate ○ include registration receipt. <p><i>Note: Hotel bookings or hospitality letters will not be accepted.</i></p>	
8.	Overseas Medical Insurance	Health insurance covering medical treatment and hospitalisation, valid for the Italian territory and for the entire duration of the stay, with a minimum coverage of Euros 30000, inclusive of a repatriation clause.	
9.	Air Ticket / Means of Transport	<p>One-way flight reservation (long-stay over 90 days)</p> <p>For Schengen visa applications (short stay up to 90 days) return flight reservation</p>	

NOTE: Upon arrival in Italy, the applicant must apply for the **Permesso di Soggiorno** at the **Questura** with jurisdiction over their residence within **8 working days**; the permit is valid for **1 year** and is **renewable**.

Kindly note that applicants have no legal right to be issued a visa, but a legitimate interest to have their application processed in compliance with the Italian law and the Schengen regulations. Therefore, the consular authorities have no obligation to compensate the applicant for any financial loss or moral prejudice resulting from the processing of his/her application.

By signing here below, the applicant formally confirms:

- **to have submitted the tick-marked documents;**
- **that the purpose of his/her visit to Italy or the Schengen area corresponds to the requested visa category** (tourism, business, etc.);
- to be aware that, in accordance with the Schengen Visa Code and Italian law, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru can extend the application's processing time in order to request the applicant for a personal interview and/or additional documentation.

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Acknowledgement by Applicant

Date :

Sign :