



Consulate General of Italy
Bengaluru

REQUISITES FOR SEAMAN VISA (D)

Seafarer visas (National - long stay) entitle holders to enter the Italian border and **work on a vessel of Italian nationality**. Please select this category if you have an employment contract to work for a ship bearing the Italian flag. **If you are required to join a vessel bearing the flag of a different country but transiting through an Italian port, please apply for a short-term Transit visa.**

CHECKLIST			✓
1.	Passport / Travel Document	<p>a) Issued within the last 10 years, with validity not exceeding 10 years.</p> <p>b) No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with manual observations will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) Must contain at least 2 blank pages.</p> <p>d) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Puducherry).</p> <p>In case the address shown on the passport does not lay in the mentioned States or in case of non-correspondence of the addresses shown in the documents submitted, the applicant must provide proof of residence in the jurisdiction (Aadhaar card, home rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank statement) for the last 6 months prior to application submission.</p>	
2.	Continuous Discharge Certificate	Original Seaman's CDC must be attached to the passport along with a photocopy.	
3.	Completed Application Form	Fully completed application form duly signed by the applicant, along with two recent passport-sized photographs on a white background (do not staple to the application).	
4.	Cover Letter (from the Indian agency)	<p>a) Must be on an original letterhead with signature and stamp.</p> <p>b) Include details of the applicant (surname, name, date of birth, passport number, seafarer's book number, etc.)</p> <p>c) Travel dates must be specified.</p> <p>d) Name & flag of the vessel must be clearly mentioned</p> <p>e) Applicant's job title/designation must be clearly stated.</p> <p>f) Include the name & address of the Italian Shipping agency of collaboration.</p>	
5.	Invitation letter (from Shipping Agent in Italy)	<p>a) Include details of the applicant (surname, name, date of birth, place of birth, passport number, seafarer's book number, etc.)</p> <p>b) The joining date and name of the vessel must match the contract.</p> <p>c) Email of Letter of invitation (LOI) addressed to this Consulate General must be sent to: bangalore.visa@esteri.it</p> <p>d) A copy of the email and LOI must be attached to the application.</p> <p>e) The LOI must be a formal request from the shipping company, mentioning the name of the ship, the seafarer's role, the ship's expected arrival date, and the seafarer's embarkation date.</p>	

6.	For Italian / Foreign Flagships	a) Certificate of registration of the ship in the Italian/International Register & Table of Armaments; b) Communication of the Harbour Master's Office confirming the ship's date of arrival and the mooring period in the port of competence. c) Name of the Seaman must be mentioned	
7.	Employment Contract	Individual employment contract of the seafarer, duly signed, mentioning the period of the contract.	
8.	STCW Certificate + INDOS	Only required for the first assignment (colour printout)	
9.	Passport Copy of the Applicant	Photocopies of the following pages: a) Front page b) Last page c) Pages with observations or endorsements (if any)	
10.	Previous Visas	a) Photocopy of all Schengen Visas issued in the last 10 years. b) Photocopy of any valid US Visas.	
11.	Air Ticket	Copy of flight tickets or airline reservations.	

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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. The consular authorities have therefore 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: