



Consulate General of Italy
Bengaluru

REQUISITES FOR SEAMAN TRANSIT VISA (C)

A Seaman Transit Visa (Schengen - short stay) entitles the holder to enter the Schengen area solely for the purpose of transiting through Italy in order to reach another country. Please select this category if you are a **seafarer joining a vessel (bearing the flag of a country other than Italy)** transiting through an Italian port. **If you are required to join a vessel bearing the Italian flag, please apply for the Employment / Seaman visa (D).**

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 have at least 3 months of validity beyond the entire duration of the stay in Italy.</p> <p>d) Must contain 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).</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.	Seaman's Book	Original Seaman's book to be attached to passport along with 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.	Employment contract / Appointment letter	A copy of the seafarer's employment contract or appointment letter, clearly indicating the duration of employment, date of boarding and work position.	
5.	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 to Italy and date of boarding on vessel must be specified.</p> <p>d) Name & flag of the vessel should be 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>	

6.	Invitation letter (from Shipping agent responsible for the embarkment via the Italian port)	a) Include details of the applicant (surname, name, date of birth, place of birth, passport number, seafarer's book number, etc.) b) Include passport and seafarer's book issue dates and validity periods. c) Specify the seafarer's position on the vessel (if there are multiple seafarers, include a signed and stamped list). d) State the name and flag of the vessel. e) Specify the port and dates of boarding and disembarking. f) Provide the seafarer's itinerary in the Member State of destination /transit, including the date and entry point [airport] to the Schengen area. g) E-mail of LOI addressed to this Consulate General sent to: bangalore.visa@esteri.it with h) a copy of said email and LOI must be attached to the application. i) The shipping company / maritime responsible for the embarkment via the Italian port should indicate the name and address of the Indian agency it is collaborating with, which will be responsible for submitting the visa application. j) The letter should also declare that the shipping agent will bear all responsibility for the seafarer upon arrival in the Member State (including repatriation, if needed), and ensuring they board the ship. k) The invitation letter must be attested by the harbour master or port captain where the seafarer is expected to join the vessel, specifying the exact time of both arrival and departure.	
7.	Air Ticket	Copy of flight ticket or airline reservation.	
8.	Passport Copy of the Applicant	Photocopies of the following passport pages: a) Front page b) Last page c) Pages with observations or endorsements (if any)	
9.	Aadhaar Card	Photocopy of Aadhaar card.	
10.	Previous Visas	a) Photocopy of all Schengen Visas issued in the last 10 years. b) Photocopy of any valid US visas.	

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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 :