

REQUISITES FOR STUDY VISA (D) 2024-2025

Study Visas (National – Long Stay) entitle the applicants to move to Italy for the purpose of pursuing an academic programme lasting more than 90 days.

Important information:

- Please be informed that all applicants must schedule their student visa appointment using their own personal email ID and contact number. <u>The General of Italy in Bengaluru strongly discourages the involvement of</u> <u>agents/agencies</u> in the visa application process.
- All study certificates must be attested and apostilled.
- Ensure there are no discrepancies in the information provided across all the submitted documents. If there is a discrepancy in the applicant's name (or the sponsor's name) between the passport and any of the other documents, a "One and the Same" certificate, duly attested and apostilled, must be submitted.

Kindly note that the processing time for a Study National Visa takes up to 90 days. We strongly recommend scheduling your travel accordingly, taking this time frame into account. Kindly refrain from contacting the Consulate General to request expedited processing, in detriment of those who applied earlier.

	CHECKLIST					
1.	Passport (along with copies)	 Issued within the last 10 years, with validity not exceeding 10 years. No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with manual observations will not be accepted. Must have at least 3 months of validity beyond the entire duration of the Study Program in Italy. Must contain at least 2 blank pages. Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Puducherry). If not, proof of address (Aadhaar card, home rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank account) for a minimum of 6 months in this jurisdiction must be provided. 				
2.	Completed Application Form	Application form duly filled and signed (for minors ¹ , to be signed by both parents) along with two passport-sized photographs on a white background (do not staple to the application).				
3.	Previous Visas Issued & Refused	 If applicable, kindly attach photocopies of the following: Previous visas issued in the last 10 years (National and/or Schengen). Refusal letter(s) for any previous visa refusals (National and/or Schengen). 				
4.	Cover Letter	Statement of purpose (max. 1 page) outlining the reasons for choosing the course & Italian Institution of Higher Education, means of financial support, scholarship ² (if applicable), and intended accommodation.				
5.	Proof of admission to the study program	 Admission letter from the Italian Higher Education Institution Pre-enrolment Summary downloaded from the official UNIVERSITALY portal (if required by the Institution) ³ not showing the "NON IMMATRICOLATO" status (in red). Receipt of payment for enrolment fees (the payment must be visible on the submitted bank statements). 				

6.	Proof of previous Education	 Final Degree/Final School Certificate duly attested by HRD and apostilled in original + 1 copy.⁴ Transcript/Marksheet duly attested by HRD and apostilled in original + 1 copy. One of the following documents (if required by the Italian Institution): a) Declaration of Value (DOV) + 1 Copy b) Copy of CIMEA Certificate CV of applicant Proof of knowledge of the language of the course of studies (Italian or English) of a minimum B2 level – CEFR ⁵ 	
7.	Proof of Economic Background and Financial Support	 Proof of means of support of no less than €6079,45 for one year or €506,62 for each month of the entire intended period of stay. Original 6-month bank statement of the applicant, stamped and signed by the branch manager on all pages. Documents proving applicant's source of income (employment/business activity, ITR for last 3 years, DEMAT, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals, Educational loan ⁶) If financially supported by a sponsor ⁷: Original 6-month bank statement of the applicant's sponsor, stamped and signed by the branch manager on all pages (along with the original bank statement of the applicant). Sponsor ID proof and sponsorship letter Documents proving sponsor's source of income (employment/business activity, last 6 salary slips, ITR for last 3 years, DEMAT, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals, educational loan, etc.) 	
8.	Overseas Medical Insurance	Medical Insurance with a coverage of at least 30,000 €, valid for the first 6 months of stay in Italy, including the "repatriation clause".	
9.	Air Ticket	 Round-trip airline ticket reservation (PNR/booking reference number will be verified) for short-stay study visa One-way airline ticket reservation (PNR/booking reference number will be verified) for long-stay study visa 	
10.	Accommodation	• Adequate proof of accommodation in Italy for at least 30 days such as: hotel bookings, home rental agreement, or accommodation provided by the University / Institute.	

¹ In the case of minor applicants, the application shall include:

- Birth Certificate in original, duly attested & apostilled. If there is only one legal guardian, duly attested & apostilled proof of this situation must be submitted e.g., Death certificate, Divorce certificate, Proof of sole custody (Originals + 1 copy).

- Affidavit undersigned by both parents before a Public Notary and apostilled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Govt. of India). The document must mention the consent to expatriation for study purposes and the guardianship in Italy. A copy of the parents' ID proof must be attached (Originals + 1 copy). Alternatively, parents can sign a no objection declaration before the Consular Officer at the Consulate General of Italy in Bangalore prior to the appointment.

- A letter from the guardian in Italy accepting guardianship along with a copy of their ID proof + 1 copy

² If the scholarship does not satisfy the minimum amount mentioned in point 6, the applicant shall provide proof of additional financial support.

³ The Pre-Enrolment procedure applies to all non-EU applicants living outside Italy who need a Type D Study Visa to enter Italy for enrolment in an Italian Higher Education Institution recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education (MUR). It needs to be carried out through the UNIVERSITALY portal at the following link: <u>https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/</u>

⁴ Provisional certificates will not be accepted unless they clearly mention the final mark, indicate the ranking criteria, and demonstrate that the course of study has been fully completed.

⁵ This requirement can be proven by the Universitaly Pre-Enrolment Certificate.

⁶ Educational loans will be accepted as part of the financial means only if deposited and visible on bank statements submitted by the applicant. Else, the relevance shall be evaluated on a case-to-case basis.

⁷ According to the Italian Ministry of Education's Rules and Regulations in force, those who can act as a sponsor are: the applicant's parents (no other family member is eligible), Italian or foreign nationals legally residing in Italy, Institutions and Italian established authorities such as universities and local Government bodies or foreign authorities recognized by Italian Government.

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 the 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 :