



Consulate General of Italy
Bengaluru

REQUISITES FOR STUDY VISA (C & D) 2026 – 2027 | 2027-2028

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

Study visa (Schengen - Short Stay) entitles the applicant to enter the Schengen area for the purpose of pursuing an academic programme lasting less than 90 days.

Kindly be informed that students whose admission is subject to **an entrance test or a language proficiency test** at the university in Italy, must apply for a **Long-Term (D) Visa (visa validity will be until 31.01.2027 for intake 2026/2027 and 31.01.2028 for intake 2027/2028)**. However, students who are required to take **an entrance test before their final study certificate is issued**, must apply for a **Short-Term (C) Visa**.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Study visa application for BACHELOR -Laurea Triennale - and MASTER'S DEGREES -Laurea Magistrale-enrollment for intake 2026/2027 **will not be accepted after 30th November 2026.**
- Study visa application for BACHELOR -Laurea Triennale - and MASTER'S DEGREES -Laurea Magistrale-enrollment for intake 2027/2028 **will not be accepted after 31st October 2027.**
- **These deadlines are not applicable to all other courses (PhD, Specialization course/Master, Erasmus programmes, individual courses and foundational courses)**

Important information:

- Please be informed that all applicants must schedule their student visa appointment using their own personal email ID and contact number. **The Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru strongly discourages the involvement of agents/agencies** in the visa application process.
 - **All study certificates must be attested and apostilled for fresh admission.** This is not required for an exchange programme.
 - 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/Travel Document (along with copies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued within the last 10 years, with validity not exceeding 10 years. • Must have at least 3 months of validity after visa duration • 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). 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, rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank account) for the last 6 months prior to application submission. 	
2.	Completed Application Form	Application form duly filled and signed (for minors ¹ , to be signed by both parents) along with two recent 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (recommended)	Statement of purpose (max. 1 page) outlining the reasons for choosing the course & Italian Institution of Higher Education, means of financial support, scholarship (if applicable), and intended accommodation.
5.	Proof of Admission to the Study Program in Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission letter (required only for those courses not present on the UNIVERSITALY portal) • Two copies of Pre-enrolment Summary downloaded from the official UNIVERSITALY portal (if required by the Italian Higher Education Institution)² • Receipt of payment of enrolment fees (the payment must be visible on the submitted bank statements)
6.	Proof of previous Education (For Fresh Admission)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Degree/Final School Certificate duly attested by the competent State HED (Higher Education Department) and apostilled in original + 1 color copy. • Transcript/Marksheet duly attested by the competent State HED and apostilled in original + 1 color copy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPORTANT: Attestation by Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) is not accepted. Provisional certificates of study officially issued by the relevant Institution, duly attested by HED and apostilled, will be accepted for submitting visa application – original must be submitted after issuance.³ • One of the two following documents (if required by the Italian Higher Education Institution): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Copy of CIMEA Certificate Statements of Comparability and Verification - CIMEA b) Copy of Declaration of Value (DOV - already issued by an Italian Diplomatic Mission). • CV of applicant (max. 1 page)
7.	Proof of current Education (For Exchange Programmes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter from the Indian academic institution certifying that the applicant is a current student mentioning the course he/she is pursuing, including details of the course. The letter must also confirm the applicant's selection for participation in an Exchange Programme with the academic institution in Italy, mentioning details of the programme. This letter must be signed and stamped in original by the Dean or a competent administrative authority. • A copy of the mark sheet/s (up to the most recent term/semester/year), signed and stamped in original by the Dean or a competent administrative authority. • A CV of the applicant (max. 1 page)
8.	Proof of Economic Background and Financial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of means of financial support of no less than €10179.85 • 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 2 years, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals, Educational loan⁴...) <p>In case of scholarship from Italian Government: Proof of scholarship in original.</p> <p>Where the amount of the scholarship does not satisfy the minimum amount established by law, the availability can be proven through other financial means listed above and below.</p> <p>If financially supported by a sponsor⁵:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2 years, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals, Educational loan, etc.)
9.	Overseas Medical Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Insurance: to be chosen from a range of Schengen-compliant Travel Medical Insurance or one Italian Insurance Companies, without limitation in case of urgent hospital assistance, valid for at least one year OR the entire duration of the study programme pursued in Italy, if less than one year.

10.	Flight Tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid for long stay study visa: Confirmed one way ticket reservations (PNR/booking reference number will be verified) AND sufficient funds on top of the minimum required proof of financial support mentioned in point no. 8 • Valid for short stay study visa: Confirmed roundtrip ticket reservations (PNR/booking reference number will be verified).
11.	Accommodation	<p>Adequate proof of boarding and lodging in Italy for at least 30 days such as: hotel bookings OR home rental agreement OR accommodation provided by the University / Institute (with signed contracts).</p> <p>For short term Schengen study visa, accommodation must be valid for entire period</p>
12.	Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2-level English certification, if the course is taught in English (BRITISH INSTITUTES, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS & ASSESSMENT, EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE (ETS), PEARSON EDUCATION LIMITED, TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON) OR equivalent Medium of Education (MOI) declaration by the previous Higher Education Institution • B2-level Italian certification, if the course is taught in Italian

¹ In the case of minor applicants, it is mandatory to submit:

- 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).
- If applicant is travelling alone or with one of the parents: 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 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: <https://www.universitaly.it/>

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ If resident in India, those who can act as sponsor are: applicant's relatives until 4th degree kinship. Sponsorship can be provided with verifiable documents also by Italian or foreign nationals legally residing in Italy, institutions, Italian established authorities 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, study 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: