Italy – INVITO (invitation) checklist



List of supporting documents

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for a visa for Italy. The following information is provided to assist you in lodging your application. You are encouraged to read it carefully and take note of all the information provided. It is important for you to do so, as failure to provide any required documents may affect the processing of your application.

You should lodge your application when you have all the required documents as detailed below.

| Applicant's Name: | |
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| Application tracking number: | |

Please prepare your documents in the following order

| | DOCUMENTS | DESCRIPTION | ATTACHED | | OFFICIALS' NOTES |
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| | | | YES | NO | |
| 1 | Passport (LS) | Must have a validity of at least 6 months prior to the returning date and 3 blank pages. | | | |
| 2 | Schengen Application Form | | | | |
| 3 | Color ID Photos (x2) | VFS Global provides this service | | | |
| 4 | Photocopy of passport | | | | |
| 5 | Photocopy of all previous visas | | | | |
| 6 | Proof of Transport (LS) | Confirmed return air ticket, or other mode of transport, proving the arrival and departure in and out of Italy. | | | |
| 7 | Travel Insurance (LS) | Must: - Be valid for the entire Schengen area - Be valid for the duration of the stay; - cover for a minimum of 30.000 Euros; | | | |
| 8 | OFFICIAL INVITATION from the Italian Institution | See specific form. The invitation letter must clearly identify the hosting Organization/Institution and the invitee; the purpose of the visit and length of stay, a certified photocopy of the signature holder must also be enclosed; | | | |
| | For participation to Conferences: | Proof of Registration and payment | | | |
| | OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMPLOYER | confirming the trip. | | | |
| 9 | Proof of Accommodation (LS) | In the form of confirmation of payment for accommodation for the whole duration of the stay or declaration of hospitability | | | |
| 10 | Proof of Funds | Must be proven!!! With 3 months' bank statements confirming the availability of funds in Euros for a minimum of 30 Euros per day for the duration of the stay in excess of the confirmation of accommodation. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE VISA BEING DENIED. | | | |
| 11 | Proof of Residence in SA | In the form of a utility bill | | | |
| 12 | Proof of Employment | Letter from the employer stating the reason for the trip | 1 | 1 | |
| 13 | Proof of Payment | Copy of the VFS's receipt. | | | |