

Required documents to study in Italy

Last reviewed 16 October 2026. Requirements depend on your nationality, university, programme and circumstances, and embassies can ask for more. Items marked If Applicable or University-Specific are not needed by every student. Confirm with your university and the official sources before applying.

Required	Needed by every applicant on this route.
If Applicable	Only needed in some situations, for example your age, nationality, funding or course.
University-Specific	Depends on the university or programme you apply to.

University admission documents

- ☐ **Valid passport**
Required
The bio-data page, plus copies of previous visas if you have travelled before. Make sure it stays valid for the whole application and visa process.
- ☐ **Passport-size photographs**
Required
Recent photos taken against the size and background rules of the university or embassy you are applying to.
- ☐ **Matric / SSC certificate and transcript**
Required
Your secondary school results. Postgraduate applicants are often asked for their full academic history as well.
- ☐ **Intermediate / HSSC certificate and transcript**
Required
Your FSc, FA, ICS, ICom, A Level or equivalent results. Used to check you meet undergraduate entry requirements.
- ☐ **Bachelor's degree and complete transcript**
Required | Master's and PhD
Your degree certificate and the full mark sheet for every semester or year. Needed for master's and PhD applications.
- ☐ **English language proof**
Required
An IELTS, TOEFL, PTE or other test the university accepts. Some universities accept a Medium of Instruction (MOI) letter instead; check each programme.
- ☐ **Master's degree and transcript**
University-Specific | PhD
Most PhD programmes ask for a relevant master's degree. Some admit outstanding bachelor's graduates directly.
- ☐ **CV / Resume**
University-Specific
A short summary of your education, work and achievements. Commonly requested for postgraduate programmes.
- ☐ **Statement of Purpose (SOP) or personal statement**
University-Specific
A written statement explaining why you chose the course and university and how it fits your goals. It must be your own work.

- ☐ **Letters of Recommendation (LORs)**
University-Specific
Letters from teachers or employers who know your work. The number and format depend on the university.
- ☐ **Application form and fee receipt**
University-Specific
The completed online application and proof of any application fee paid.
- ☐ **Declaration of Value or CIMEA statement**
University-Specific
Some universities ask for these during admission. They are also needed for the study visa.
<https://www.cimea.it/>
- ☐ **Admission test results**
University-Specific
Some programmes, such as English-taught medicine at public universities (IMAT), require an entrance test.
- ☐ **Research proposal**
If Applicable | Master's and PhD
An outline of the research you plan to do. Usually needed for PhD and research-based master's programmes.
- ☐ **Portfolio or work experience certificates**
If Applicable
Needed for creative subjects such as art, design or architecture, or for programmes that require professional experience.
- ☐ **Attestation, translations and legalisation**
If Applicable
Some universities and embassies ask for HEC degree attestation, IBCC equivalence, certified translations, notarisation or an apostille. Arrange these early as they take time.
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/>

Student visa and immigration documents

- ☐ **National Visa (D) application form**
Required
The long-stay study visa application form.
https://ambislamabad.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ME10_Study-visa-D.pdf
- ☐ **Recent ICAO-format photograph**
Required
One recent passport photo meeting ICAO standards.
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- ☐ **Passport, copy and previous visas**
Required
Valid at least three months beyond the requested visa, with one photocopy and copies of previous visas and entry or exit stamps.
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- ☐ **Proof of residence and CNIC copy**
Required
A residence certificate and CNIC copy showing you live in the embassy's consular area.
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- ☐ **Universitaly pre-enrolment**
Required
Your pre-enrolment summary, validated by the university without reservation and signed by you.
<https://www.universitaly.it/studenti-stranieri>

☐ **University admission letter**

Required

The admission letter issued by your Italian university.

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☐ **CIMEA Statement of Comparability or Declaration of Value**

Required

A CIMEA Statement of Comparability with Statement of Verification, or a Declaration of Value, for your previous qualifications.

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☐ **Original educational documents with Italian translation**

Required

Previous academic documents in original plus a photocopy, apostilled and translated into Italian.

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☐ **Language certificate (B2)**

Required

At least B2 in Italian for Italian-taught programmes, or B2 in the teaching language (for example IELTS or TOEFL) for English-taught programmes.

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☐ **Motivation letter to the visa officer**

Required

A letter addressed to the consulate explaining why you are going to study in Italy.

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☐ **Financial means**

Required

At least EUR 10,179.85 per year in a bank account in the student's name. Sponsors must give an apostilled affidavit; cash and guarantees from people outside the family are not accepted.

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☐ **NADRA Family Registration Certificate (FRC)**

Required

Issued in English by NADRA, apostilled, and no more than six months old.

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☐ **Health insurance (minimum EUR 30,000)**

Required

Cover for emergency hospital treatment and repatriation, valid across the Schengen Area.

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☐ **Proof of accommodation**

Required

A booking, a declaration from the person hosting you, or a university declaration covering accommodation.

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☐ **Flight reservation or ticket**

Required

Including any connections within the Schengen Area.

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☐ **Sponsor employment, business or pension documents**

If Applicable

Tax returns, payslips and bank statements for employees; company registration documents for business owners; pension statements for retired sponsors.

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☐ **Parental consent (minors)**

If Applicable | Undergraduate

Parental consent affidavit and parents' CNIC and passport copies if you are under 18. Minors must attend with a parent or guardian.

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Financial documents

☐ **Student's bank statement**

If Applicable

Statements showing funds for tuition and living costs. Some countries require the money to be in the student's own account.

☐ **Sponsor's bank statement**

If Applicable

If a parent or relative is paying, their statements, where the country accepts sponsored funds.

☐ **Sponsorship letter or affidavit**

If Applicable

A signed statement from your sponsor confirming they will pay, how much, and for how long.

☐ **Sponsor's passport or CNIC**

If Applicable

Identity document of the person sponsoring you.

☐ **Proof of relationship with sponsor**

If Applicable

For example a NADRA Family Registration Certificate (FRC) or birth certificate showing how you are related.

☐ **Sponsor's income documents**

If Applicable

Salary slips and an employment letter, or business registration documents if self-employed.

☐ **Tax returns or income certificate**

If Applicable

Recent tax returns or an income certificate, where the embassy asks for them.

☐ **Scholarship or education loan letter**

If Applicable

An official award or loan letter, where the destination accepts it as financial evidence.

☐ **Tuition fee deposit receipt**

If Applicable

Proof of any tuition already paid to the university.

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