

# Documents required for STUDY

*all to be presented in English or Italian, in proper physical hard copies;  
pls. no screengrab prints, no docs on pen drives, phones, or on laptops*

☛ All the **forms** listed herein below are available from the **Visa forms** webpage ([click here](#))

1.
  - a) Harmonised C-type application form for Schengen Visa/Short stay (for up to 90 days), *or*
  - b) D-type application form for Italian National/long stay (for 91-365 days).
2. Your passport or travel document, which must be valid for at least three (3) months after the visa expiry date, as well as photocopies of the first 2 pages and of visas previously issued, if any. Furthermore, there must be at least two blank pages in the passport left for visa and stamps of custom authorities.
3. One passport-style colour photo (must have been taken within six months prior to the application), sized 35mm x 40mm, full-face on a light coloured background. Face must be correctly centered and must be seen from a front view, with both sides visible. Styled poses (looking over one shoulder, head bowed etc.) are not allowed. The head must be free of all headgear, no hats, scarves, headbands or other decorative objects.
4. For non-Canadian citizens: valid Canadian Permanent Resident Card or long-term permit of stay (for work, study, or a 6 month++ visitor record for religious purposes, or for minor/s and/or accompanying parent/s). Please note: your Canadian PR card, or work, or student permit shall be valid at least three (3) months beyond the intended departure date from the Schengen Area country/re-entry to Canada. Furthermore, your Canadian work or study permit is **not** a travel document. It doesn't give you the right to travel to or enter Canada. You may need a valid re-entry visa in your passport to return to Canada.
5. Valid provincially-issued picture ID, such as driver's license, services card, health care card, or identity card from out consular jurisdiction that encompasses AB, BC, SK, & YT.
6. **Personalized** proof of enrolment or pre-enrolment/pre-registration in an eligible course/program/study cycle, inclusive of the course description, daily (or weekly, or monthly) workload in hours, type of participation (in person/remotely/hybrid), and its overall duration. Public university programs, and select courses/programs offered by other institutions, are subject to enrolment validations at the <https://www.universitaly.it/> platform. Please note paying for the tuition fee in advance, or prepaying any other arrangements, does NOT ensure a visa is issued. Furthermore, the teaching institution shall be on the list of approved entities for the study visa issuance purposes. Due to a variety of conditions attached to several study visa subcategories (such as, but not limited to, university enrollment, educational exchange programs, post-grad studies, academic language programs, internships, professional development courses, etc.) additional requirements may be in place.
7. The consistency of the intended type of study will be also assessed against applicant's educational and/or professional background. Please provide suitable documentation to support your claim, such as current school/university letter of enrollment, relevant educational diplomas/certificates achieved, letter/s of employment, etc.
8. **Personalized** roundtrip (return trip) flight ticket to Italy. One-way travel arrangements are allowed only for technical reasons due to the extended length of stay in Italy. The applicant is free to submit a personalized flight reservation, or flight booking plan, or flight itinerary for visa application purposes, instead of the actual ticket. In such a case, supplementary financial resources deemed sufficient to cover the cost of such a ticket for the expected travel date/s are a must. For travellers not returning to Canada after leaving the Schengen area: relevant visa or travel document authorizing your entry into the country of destination, and a photocopy of same.

Please note purchasing your ticket in advance, or prepaying any other non-refundable travel arrangements, does NOT ensure a visa is issued.

9. **Personalized** proof of lodging arrangement/s in Italy: hostel, hotel, serviced residence, or room/apartment reservation/rental, or a letter of invitation, as per **F12A form** (in such a case, the Italian host, be it a relative or a friend who permanently resides in Italy, has to email such a letter of invitation from Italy in advance copy to this Visa Office at [visa.vancouver@esteri.it](mailto:visa.vancouver@esteri.it), together with a copy of the Italian host's picture ID, prior to the applicant's visa interview date). If a permanent lodging cannot be confirmed in time for the visa interview, the applicant is advised to provide a proof of a temporary accommodation for the first couple of weeks as the minimum.
10. Proof of economic means of support (for required **minimum** amounts for short-term stays, as per March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, the Italian Ministry of Interior Affairs Directive – pls. see **F11 form**; or EUR 467.65 (in CAD equivalent) per month of study for long-term programs): bank statement/s (such as major chequing accounts, savings, TFSA, GIC, etc.), inclusive of transactions that cover the most recent three (3) months, together with an **up-to-date** summary of accounts/account snapshot, duly **stamped by the financial institution**; please make sure your name and account/s details are clearly visible. If you are self-employed, you must **also** provide last three months' worth of business bank statement/s, a business income tax return and a business notice of assessment for the most recent fiscal year. When the applicant is a **minor (i.e., < 18 y/o) and/or** the visa applicant **has to rely on a first-degree relative as a financial guarantor** for the trip, please [click here](#) for relevant forms and further guidance. The supporting financial documentation would be that of a guarantor. Please be aware special notarial provisions apply to financial support providers who do not reside in your consular jurisdiction of AB, BC, SK, and YT. *Please be kindly aware we reserve the right to assess the visa applicant's actual current OVERALL financial position and its recent consistency, even if the minimum travel amount thresholds appear to be met.*
11. Health insurance with a minimum coverage of EUR 30,000, or its equivalent in CAD currency, for emergency hospital and repatriation expenses **for the entire stay** under the visa parameters. Proof of coverage must include a statement with your name, the period and amount of coverage, and the conditions of the contract. Only those students who apply for Italian National/long stays (91 ++ days) may decide to organize a suitable healthcare coverage upon arrival in Italy. Those applicants shall include in the visa dossier a statutory self-declaration of intent in this regard.  
An *optional* supporting form (pls. see **F20 form**) can be completed by the insurance company.
12. Italian National/long stay **student** visa fee: shall be paid in **Canadian dollars only**, by cash, bank draft, or money order, payable to the "Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver". No other means of payment are accepted at this time. Please visit our [website \(click here\)](#) for current table of consular fees. Schengen/Short stay (for up to 90 days) student visas are free of charge currently.

■ *Please be kindly advised the Diplomatic or Consular Representative reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation, such as, but not limited to, credit card statements, personal or business income tax returns, CRA notice/s of (tax) assessment, proof of additional savings and/or investments, proof of a local property rental or ownership, etc.*

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