

# Documents required for TOURISM/VISITORS

All documents must be submitted in **English, French, or Italian** and provided as **physical hard copies**.

Screenshots or screen-grab prints are not accepted.

Documents stored on USB drives, mobile phones, or laptops will not be accepted.

▀ All the forms listed below are available on the **Visa Forms** webpage ([click here](#))

1. Harmonized C-type **application form** for Schengen Visa/Short stay (up to 90 days).
2. Your **passport** or travel document must be valid for at least three (3) months beyond the visa expiry date. Please provide the original document along with photocopies of the first two (2) pages and any previously issued visas, if applicable. The passport or travel document must also contain at least two (2) blank pages for the visa and entry/exit stamps from customs authorities.
3. One recent **passport-size colour photograph**, taken within six (6) months prior to the application, measuring 35 mm x 40 mm. The photograph must show a full-face view against a light-colored background. The face must be properly centered and captured from a frontal position, with both sides clearly visible. Posed or angled photographs (e.g., looking over one shoulder or with the head tilted/bowed) are not permitted. The head must be uncovered, with no hats, scarves, headbands, or other decorative accessories.
4. A valid **Canadian Permanent Resident Card (original and photocopy)** or a **valid long-term Canadian residence permit (original and photocopy)** issued for work or study purposes. Alternatively, a visitor record valid for more than six (6) months may be submitted, where applicable (e.g., for religious purposes, minors, 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.
    - your Canadian work or study permit, or visitor record, is **NOT** a travel document. It doesn't give you the right to travel to or re-enter Canada. You may need a valid re-entry visa in your passport to return to Canada, or Canadian eTA # for qualified foreign nationals.
5. A valid provincially issued **photo identification card (original and photocopy)**, such as a driver's license, services card, health care card, or other government-issued identity card. The identification must be issued within our consular jurisdiction, which includes Alberta (AB), British Columbia (BC), Saskatchewan (SK), and Yukon (YT).
6. A **daily trip itinerary outline** is required if the visit involves multiple Schengen Member States or includes Member States that do not participate in the common visa policy.
7. A **personalized round-trip flight ticket to Italy**, or other proof of intended transport, must be provided. The ticket must reflect the Applicant's **LEGAL name**, exactly as it appears in the passport (nicknames are not accepted). **As an alternative**, the Applicant may submit a personalized flight reservation, booking confirmation, or detailed flight itinerary **issued by a reputable travel agency for visa application purposes**. This alternative documentation must also display the Applicant's **LEGAL name** as shown in the passport. If the alternative solution is chosen, the Applicant must provide proof of sufficient financial resources to cover

the cost of the airline ticket for the intended travel dates. For travellers not returning to Canada after leaving the Schengen Area, a valid visa or travel document authorizing entry into the destination country must be provided, along with a photocopy of the same. **Please note that purchasing a ticket in advance or prepaying any non-refundable travel arrangements do not guarantee that a visa will be issued.**

8. A **personalized & detailed proof of lodging arrangement/s** in Italy (and other Schengen Area countries, if applicable) for the **entire** duration of the trip. The accommodation booking/s must display the Applicant's **LEGAL name**, exactly as it appears in the passport (nicknames are not accepted), either as the primary booking holder or as an accompanying guest. In case a private host, be it a relative or a friend who permanently resides in Italy, invites the Applicant to visit them, the Applicant shall provide a letter of invitation, as per **F12A form**. The Italian host 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) for **BC** or **YT** applicants, or to [visa.edmonton@esteri.it](mailto:visa.edmonton@esteri.it) for **AB** or **SK** applicants, together with a copy of the Italian host's ITA ID (and a copy of *permesso di soggiorno*, if applicable) prior to the applicant's visa interview date.
9. **Proof of financial means of support** that meet the required minimum amounts established by the Italian Ministry of Interior Affairs Directive of March 1, 2000 (pls. refer to **F11 Form**). **Please ensure that the Applicant's LEGAL name** (no nicknames) **and the relevant account details are clearly visible on all financial documentation:**
  - A) up-to-date bank statement(s) from major accounts (e.g., chequing, savings, TFSA, GIC, etc.), covering transactions for the most recent **three (3) months, stamped by the issuing financial institution; AND**
  - B) an **up-to-date** summary of accounts/account snapshot, duly **stamped by the issuing financial institution;**
  - C) If the Applicant is self-employed, or business owners/operator, they must also provide: the last three (3) months of business bank statements, duly validated by the financial institution + their CRA income tax return, and the CRA Notice of Assessment for the most recent fiscal year

**Please note:** In certain personal circumstances, the Applicant may rely on financial support from a close family member (e.g., parent(s) for child(ren), adult child(ren) for parent(s), or between legally married spouses), or may be a minor (under 18 years of age). In such cases, the supporting financial documentation, including bank and other investment statements and employment status, must be provided directly by the financial guarantor. Additionally, appropriate vital statistics documents demonstrating **immediate family relationships** (such as the Applicant's birth certificate, marriage certificate, or the guarantor's birth certificate) must be submitted. Please note that **special provisions** apply to financial and/or vital statistics documents issued **OUTSIDE** our consular jurisdiction, which includes Alberta (AB), British Columbia (BC), Saskatchewan (SK), and Yukon (YT). **Please click here for relevant forms and further guidance**, as referenced in the footnotes on the webpage.

**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.**

10. Recent documentation of the Applicant's **socio-professional status**, including:
  - a) For *employees*: an **up-to-date** letter from the employer, specifying position held / period of employment / gross salary / confirmation that the vacation period has been authorized / assurance that the position will be retained upon return from the trip. The letter must be dated within two (2) weeks prior to the visa interview. Additionally, submit the three (3) most recent pay stubs/slips.
  - b) For *self-employed individuals* or *business owners/operators*: A copy of the most recent business license and business registration.
  - c) for *students*: a confirmation of current enrollment in good standing from the university or school they are attending, dated within the two (2) weeks **preceding the visa application**.
  - d) for *retirees*: current proof of benefits from the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) or Quebec Pension Plan (QPP), and/or from an occupational pension scheme/s.
11. **Health insurance** coverage with a minimum of EUR 30,000 (or the equivalent in CAD) for emergency medical treatment and repatriation, valid for the entire duration of the stay under the visa. Proof of coverage must include: the Applicant's full LEGAL name / the coverage period / the coverage amount / the terms and conditions of the policy. *Optionally*, the insurance company may complete the supporting **F20 form**.
12. Additional **documents demonstrating ties to Canada**, such as proof of property ownership (e.g., municipal tax bill or property assessment), or other commitments, including educational, family-related, investment, or other financial obligations.
13. **Schengen (C) / Short-Stay Visa Fee** must be paid **in Canadian dollars only**, using **cash, bank draft, or money order** made payable to the "Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver." No other forms of payment are accepted at this time. Please visit our ([click here](#)) for the current consular fee schedule.

▀ *Please be advised that the Diplomatic or Consular Representative reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation as deemed necessary. This may include, but is not limited to: personal or business income tax returns, CRA Notice(s) of Assessment, proof of additional savings and/or investments, proof of local property rental or ownership, credit card statements.*

▀ **Please note:** Applying for a visa is only the first step; it does not automatically mean your application will be approved. **Fully prepaid flights or other travel arrangements do not guarantee that a visa will be issued. Visa officers have the discretion to deny applications that are incomplete or do not meet the requirements.**

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