

# Documents required for STUDY

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.
  - 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 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. For non-Canadian citizens: 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:

1. 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.
  2. 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 **personalized proof of enrollment, pre-enrollment, or pre-registration** in an eligible course, program, or study cycle. It must reflect the Applicant's **LEGAL name**, exactly as it appears in the passport (nicknames are not accepted). The documentation must include: a description of the course/program + the daily, weekly, or monthly workload (in hours) + the type of participation (in person, remote, or hybrid) + the overall duration of the course/program.

→ Please note:

- public university programs, and select courses/programs offered by other institutions, are subject to enrollment validations at the <https://www.universitaly.it/> platform. A PDF printout in **physical hard copy** from the above-mentioned platform confirming validated admission is mandatory.
- the teaching institution must appear on the list of approved entities for study visa issuance. Given the various conditions applicable to different study visa subcategories (including, but not limited to, university enrollment, educational exchange programs, postgraduate studies, academic language programs, internships, and professional development courses), additional requirements may apply.
- please note that payment of tuition fees in advance, or prepayment of any other arrangements, does **NOT** guarantee that a visa will be approved and issued.

7. The consistency of the intended course of study will be assessed in relation to the Applicant's educational and/or professional background. Please provide appropriate supporting documentation, such as a current school or university enrollment letter, relevant diplomas or certificates obtained by the Applicant, employment letter(s), or other documentation demonstrating the relevance of the proposed studies.
8. 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. Major air carriers generally limit flight reservations and ticket purchases to 11-12 months prior to the scheduled departure date. Accordingly, one-way travel arrangements for visa purposes are permitted **only** for technical reasons related to the total duration of stay in Italy, specifically when the stay exceeds ten (10) to eleven (11) months. Please note that purchasing a ticket in advance or prepaying any non-refundable travel arrangements does **not guarantee** that a visa will be issued.
9. A **personalized & detailed proof of lodging arrangement** in Italy. The accommodation booking(s) must display the Applicant's **LEGAL name**, exactly as it appears in the passport (nicknames are not accepted), whether as the primary booking holder, tenant, or 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. If permanent lodging cannot be confirmed in time for the D-type/Italian National visa interview, the Applicant is advised to

provide proof of **temporary accommodation** for at least the first couple of weeks of the stay covered by the visa parameters.

10. **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**). The exception is made for applicants for university admission visas who must demonstrate that they have financial resources equal to CAD equivalent of **EUR 534.41**, for each month of the academic year (or **EUR 6,947.33** equivalent for a full year) for long-term programs. **Please ensure that the Applicant's LEGAL name (no nicknames) and the relevant account details are clearly visible on all financial documentation:**

- 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**
- an **up-to-date** summary of accounts/account snapshot, duly **stamped by the issuing financial institution;**
- 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

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). The supporting financial documentation, including bank statements and employment records, must be provided by the 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.***

11. **Health insurance** with minimum coverage of EUR 30,000, or the equivalent amount in CAD. The insurance must cover: emergency medical care and hospitalization; and repatriation expenses. Coverage must be valid for the entire duration of the Applicant's stay under the terms of the visa. Proof of insurance must include documentation that clearly states: full name / the period of coverage / the amount of coverage / and the terms and conditions of the policy. *Optionally*, the insurance company may complete the supporting **F20 form**.

Those applying for a long-term (national) study visa for Italy may, where appropriate, arrange to purchase the required health insurance policy in Italy, particularly in cases

where the cost is more advantageous than comparable coverage available in Canada. The applicant must include a signed letter of intent with the visa application. The letter must clearly state the applicant's commitment to obtain valid health insurance coverage in Italy immediately upon arrival and in compliance with Italian legal requirements. **Please note:** in this case as well, students traveling to Italy with a national Type D visa must obtain bridging medical insurance valid for the Schengen Area for at least the initial period of their stay (approximately 2–3 weeks).

12. Applicants for a Schengen-type short-stay student visas (for stays of up to 90 days) shall provide 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. Italian National/long stay **Student 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 [website \(click here\)](#) for the current consular fee schedule. There is currently no fee for a Schengen-type short-stay student visas (for stays of up to 90 days).

▀ *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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