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Student Visa Application Process (Application form for National Visa (D))

To successfully apply for a student visa to study at IEP Italy for a duration longer than 90 days, it is crucial for the students to have a comprehensive understanding of the student visa application process. This detailed guide aims to provide you with step-by-step instructions to ensure a seamless and successful application journey. By following these guidelines, you will be well-prepared to navigate the visa application process and increase your chances of obtaining a student visa for IEP Italy.

Required Documents/Other Requirements:

1. Passport:

- Check that your passport is valid for at least 18 months from the date of visa application.
- Your passport must have at least two blank pages for visa stamping.
- Include any previous passports, if applicable.

2. Passport-size Photographs:

- Obtain two recent passport-size photographs (35x45mm) with a white background.
- Your facial expression should be neutral, and you should avoid wearing accessories or clothing that obstruct your face.

3. Offer and Visa Letters from IEP Italy and CIRPS:

- Obtain the Offer letter from IEP Italy.
- Visa letter will be issued by a CIRPS member university after the payment of the fee deposit
- The letters will outline the details of your course, duration, and any specific requirements.

4. Academic Documents:

- Gather your academic documents, including transcripts and certificates.
- Your recent CV and a cover letter, explaining your intention to study your chosen course and why have you chosen Italy as your study destination.



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- Include your Bachelor's degree transcripts and certificate if you are applying for a Master's programme.
- Include your High school (Plus 2) certificates and transcripts as well.
- If the documents are not in Italian, have them translated and attested/notarised.
- Include a **Declaration of Value (DOV)**, which is a certificate that verifies the equivalence of your academic qualifications to the Italian education system. DOV is required for the visa application.
- Please refer to the separate IEP Declaration of Value (DOV) document for detailed procedure

5. Pre-Enrolment Form from Uni Italia:

- Visit the <u>Universeltaly</u> website to access the pre-enrolment form. Click on **Pre** Register Now. You will need to create a login by registering and providing
 some additional details.
- Fill out the form accurately, providing all the required information.
- The pre-enrolment form is a crucial step in the visa application process as it confirms your intention to study at IEP Italy.
- The form typically requires personal information, educational background, and programme details.
- Ensure that you select the correct programme and indicate the duration of your intended study.
- Carefully review all the information entered before submitting the form.

6. Financial Documents:

- Provide proof of financial means to support your studies and stay in Italy.
- Demonstrate access to sufficient funds, €6,100 for one academic year. Any remaining course fees must also be included e.g. €5,000 will be added on top of the €6,100



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- Bank statements for the last 6 months signed and stamped by the bank. The
 justification for the source of funds may also be sought by the visa
 authorities.
- ITR document for the last 3 years either for yourself or your sponsor.
- Proof of Employment (if applicable) e.g. salary slips etc
- In case of using a sponsor i.e. your parents, a letter (On Rs 100 stamp paper) will be required along with a certified copy of their identity document

7. Health Insurance:

- Obtain comprehensive health insurance coverage for the duration of your stay in Italy for at least €38,000 annually.
- The insurance should provide coverage for medical emergencies and repatriation.
- List of insurance companies approved for Schengen visa procedure

8. Accommodation Details:

- Provide documentation of your accommodation arrangements in Italy, this
 may include a lease agreement, confirmation from a student residence, or a
 letter of invitation if staying with a host.
- At a minimum 30 days' worth of accommodation booked and paid for will be required. This may be arranged via Agoda or Booking.com
- Alternatively, IEP will provide a separate letter for the accommodation arrangements, the letter will specify the amount paid for the accommodation.

9. Flight Itinerary:

- Provide a copy of your flight itinerary or reservation showing your intended travel dates to Italy.
- An extra €2000 in the bank account is required if the flights aren't booked at this stage.



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10. Proof of Fee Payment:

- Submit proof of payment of any required application fees or tuition fees to IEP Italy.
- IEP Italy will issue a separate fee receipt.

11. Italian Embassy and Consulate Jurisdictions in India

- Embassy of Italy, New Delhi: Residents of New Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh
- Consulate of Italy in Mumbai: Residents of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Daman and Diu, Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, and Pondicherry
- Consulate of Italy in Kolkata: Residents of the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Tripura, Sikkim and West Bengal, the Union Territory of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Nepal.



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Step-by-step Application Process for Italy Student Visa, National Visa (D):

1. Application:

Once you are ready to apply, you can download the <u>Visa Application Form</u>, complete it, print the completed form, and bring it with you to the Visa Application Centre for submission.

 Ensure you submit documents in Italian. Documents which aren't in Italian must be translated into Italian. The translation should be via a certified translator.

2. Appointment at the nearest VFS Centre

- Once your documentation is ready, you need to <u>book an appointment</u> to submit your documents and have your fingerprints and photo taken at a Visa Application Centre. This is known as your 'biometric information'.
- Once you've booked your appointment, you'll receive an appointment confirmation email along with an attached Appointment Confirmation letter.
- Pay a fee of 50 Euros

3. Visit the Visa Application Centre (VFS) and Document submission

- You'll have to submit your complete visa application form at the Visa Application Centre in person.
- Submit all the required documents as outlined above, make photocopies of all the documents for your records.
- Submit the original documents and **attested** copies
- Provide your biometrics as directed by the VFS staff

4. Visa Interview:

- Attend the visa interview, if required. This may likely happen on the day of your VFS document submission appointment
- Prepare for the interview by familiarising yourself with the details of your course, your motivations for studying in Italy, why you have chosen IEP Italy and your future plans.



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5. Visa Processing:

- The processing time for the Student visa application may vary. It can take from two weeks to 45 days or longer.
- Track the status of your application through the online tracking system, if available.

6. Visa Collection:

• Once your visa application is approved, collect your passport and visa from the Visa Application Centre or the Embassy/Consulate.