



Consolato Generale d'Italia
Sydney

DIGITAL NOMAD/ REMOTE WORKER VISA

DEFINITIONS

The digital nomad / remote worker visa is intended for individuals who are not EU citizens and who intend to work remotely while living in Italy.

The visa is only available to highly specialised workers as per the requirements listed in article 27-quater of the Legislative Decree n. 286 of 25 July 1998, including careers that require post-secondary degrees or at least three years' professional training or experience. Please see point 8, "Proof of qualifying profession"

The visa is subdivided into two categories:

- **DIGITAL NOMAD (self-employed):** for freelancers, consultants, or other highly qualified professionals.
- **REMOTE WORKER (subordinate workers/employees):** for workers who are already employed by a company and they can perform their work completely remotely. Remote workers are subject to two additional requirements. *Please see point 13.*

MANDATORY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIGITAL NOMAD VISA AND REMOTE WORKER VISA

1. Current passport with at least 3 months' validity beyond the intended return date.
2. Non Australian citizens must provide copy of a valid Australian VISA. Citizens of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Travel Documents holders (with the three letters code XXA or XXB appearing in the ICAO) need to provide parents' full names, which must result from a birth certificate, family certificate or Consular declaration.
3. One recent passport-size photo, meeting ICAO standards.
4. Hard copy of passport's front page and page with holder's signature, if different.
5. Hard copy of Australian driver's license or other proof of address in N.S.W.
6. Hard copy of valid ticket:
 - 6.1 for short stay VISA (up to 90 days) hard-copy of valid return ticket, showing the entry date to Italy;
 - 6.2 for long stay VISA (more than 90 days) hard copy of valid inbound and outbound ticket indicating date of entry to Italy. If only an inbound ticket is available, proof of sufficient funds to purchase the outbound one must be provided.
7. Hard copy of duly completed application form:

- 7.1 For long stay visa, for more than 90 days, please download and fill up National visa application form ([click here](#)).
- 7.2 For short stay visa, up to 90 days, please download and fill up Schengen Visa application form ([click here](#)).
8. Proof of qualifying profession:
- 8.1 **Option 1** - Bachelor degree, or higher, or a secondary professional certificate (at least 3 years course). If these certificates/degrees are issued by NON EU Universities or schools (e.g. Australian) a Declaration Of Value ([click here](#) for more information) must be provided along with the original degree/certificate. Instead of a Declaration of Value, a certificate issued by the Information Centre on Mobility and Academic Equivalences (CIMEA). [CIMEA - Academic Equivalence Mobility Information Centre](#) is also acceptable. If your diplomas or certificates have been issued in another state in Australia rather than NSW, or another country, please contact the relevant Consular Office;
- 8.2 **Option 2** - Possession of a higher professional qualification, attested by at least five years of professional experience. As supporting evidence, please provide:
- If self-employed: trade/business license + tax assessment for the last five financial years. A statement of business registration issued by the Australian Business Register, with all the company information;
 - If employed: previous contracts + pay slips (at least 2 for each year) and stamped letter, with company letter head and logo, from the employer with description of the experiences achieved within the company and indication of the starting and ending dates of the employment relationship;
- 8.3 **Option 3** - In case of applicants who hold one of the professions listed [here](#) – the qualification must be assessed by the competent Italian authorities, as listed in Legislative Decree No. 206 of November 6, 2007, before submitting the visa application.
- 8.4 **Option 4** – Proof of three years of relevant professional experience gained in the seven years prior to the application submission, proving that the applicant is a manager or specialist in the information and communication technologies field.
9. Previous experience of at least six months in the context of the work activity to be carried out as a digital nomad or remote worker.
10. Proof of annual income relating to the previous financial year which must be at least three times the minimum level required by law for exemption from health care contribution (€8,500 x 3).
11. Proof of travel insurance (choose one or more options - if applicable) to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment or death. Minimum cover must be of EUR 30,000:

11.1 **Option 1** - Must provide Certificate of Insurance and Table of Benefits or Product Disclosure Statement;

11.2 **Option 2** - If using travel insurance through a Credit Card provider, provide Certificate of Insurance from the bank and confirmation letter from the bank. Table of Benefits or Product Disclosure Statement must also be provided;

12. Availability of a suitable lodging, which must be coherent with the period of stay of your visa application, must be provided.

12.1 **Option 1** - proof of rental agreements registered with Agenzia delle Entrate;

12.2 **Option 2** - proof of property ownership (deeds) registered with Agenzia delle Entrate (Visura catastale dell'immobile)

13. **ONLY REMOTE WORKER visa applicants** must provide:

13.1 proof of remote employment contract with the indication of role, date of employment, salary (Employment income must be equal at least 33.000 EUR per year). And

13.2 original letterheaded declaration from employer, or legal representative, with a copy of a valid and current photo ID, certifying the absence of convictions against him in the last five years, as per clause 22, paragraph 5-bis, of Italian "Testo Unico sull'Immigrazione" (Legislative Decree 25 July 1998, n. 286). Sample of letter can be downloaded [here](#)

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY

How to apply

Applicants are required to apply in person at the Consulate by booking an appointment online [here](#)

Visa applications and extensions are not processed in Italy. All visa requirements must be met during the interview and documents must be produced in hard copy. If you are not able to complete any part of your application form, we can help you on the day of your appointment.

Applications and processing time

Applications cannot be lodged earlier than 180 days prior to the departure date. If an appointment is not available for the preferred date, applicants may periodically check our booking system to see if any earlier appointment becomes available due to other users' cancellation.

Processing time may vary from maximum 30 days (Remote Worker Visa) to 120 days (Digital Nomad Visa). We strongly recommend to submit your application at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled departure.

No fast track is available.

Methods of payment

All visa fees are payable by EFPOS or in cash. Updated fees are available [here](#)

Residence permit

Within 8 working days from entering Italy, National visa-holders need to apply for a residence permit (*permesso di soggiorno*) from the local Police station (*Questura*). For further information, [click here](#).

Dependant Family Members

A digital nomad or remote worker can sponsor a family member according to the Immigration Act 1998 (Dlgs 286/98 clause 29).

The sponsorship process can be initiated in Italy only at the *Questura* where the digital nomad/remote worker has applied for their residence permit.

All enquires about family members' sponsorship must be directed to the competent *Questura*.