



Consulate General of Italy
Sydney

Italian Long stay National Visa for Study Abroad Programs/Italian Language/Culture course

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- Printed and completed visa application form ([click here](#))
- Current passport with at least 3 months' residual validity beyond the intended return date
- Hard copy of Australian driver's license or other proof of address in NSW
- One passport-size photo
- Hard copy of passport's front page
- 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.
- Letter from the University/school in Italy confirming:
 1. the applicant's enrolment
 2. program commencement and completion dates
 3. weekly hours of attendance
- Letter from the University in Australia confirming the applicant's enrolment in the course in Italy
- Medicare card to cover the first six months of stay under the Australia–Italy Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, and travel health insurance certificate/card covering the duration of all exceeding periods. A private insurance may also be purchased for the entire duration of the visa requested.
- Hard-copy of bank statement in the applicant's name. Bank statement must show a list of bank transactions for the previous 30 days' prior visa application.

Amount required is at least the equivalent of €10,000 for a visa of 365 days, or a proportional amount if staying less (i.e. €10,000/12 x number of months).

This requirement is compulsory even when all travel expenses have already been paid for.

Sponsor bank statements are not accepted.
- Proof of accommodation in Italy in hard copy. Accommodation must be booked in advance for the entire duration of requested visa.

For Italian Language/Culture course: The course in Italy has to be of high level (B2 or above).

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY

Ways to apply

Applicants are required to apply in person at the Consulate by booking an appointment from prenot@mi. It is not allowed to apply or extend a visa validity while in Italy. All visa requirements are to be satisfied during the visa interview and documents must be produced in hard copy. If you are not able to fill up part of your application form, we can help you on the day of your appointment.

Processing time and applications

Processing time may vary from few hours to 15 days, depending on each case. No fast track is available. It is strongly recommended to apply at least 2 weeks before scheduled departure. Applications cannot be processed earlier than 180 days before departure date. If an appointment is not available for the preferred date, applicants may periodically check from their booking system account to see if any earlier appointment becomes available due to other users' cancellation.

Methods of payment

All visa fees are payable with EFPOS /Cash.

Residence permit

Within 8 days from entering Italy, National visa-holders need to apply for a residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) from the local Police Station (Questura).