

Entry visa

(Legislative Decree No. 286 of 25 July 1998 and subsequent amendments; Presidential Decree No. 394 of 31 August 1999; Interministerial Decree No. 850 of 11 May 2011 and Amended Regulation (EC) No. 539 of 2001; Amended Regulation (EC) No. 562 of 2006 - Schengen Borders Code; Regulation (EC) No. 810 of 2009 - Visa Code)

An entry visa is the authorization which enables you to enter Italy. It is a printed visa sticker that is attached to your passport or other valid travel document.

Your visa application form must include a recent passport-size photo, a valid travel document and, where applicable, supporting documents depending on the type of visa you are applying for.

You are required to specify the following:

- purpose of your journey;
- means of support both for your stay in Italy and return to your country;
- accommodation.

A visa is issued by the Italian Embassies and consular posts in your country of origin or permanent residence. You cannot apply for a visa or an extension of its validity while you are in Italy.

A visa is not required if you are a national of one of the countries whose citizens are exempt from any visa requirement for short-term stays **not exceeding 90 days** on the following grounds: tourism, mission, business, invitation or sporting events.

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Schengen uniform visa for short stays not exceeding 90 days The uniform visa issued by a Schengen State authorizes entry for short stay in or transit through the Schengen area **for a period not exceeding 90 days**.

If you hold a residence permit issued by a Schengen State you are entitled to enter Italy without a visa for a short stay not exceeding 3 months on grounds other than employment, self-employment and training. In this case too, you have to report on arrival.

National long-stay visa If you wish to stay in Italy **for a period exceeding 90 days**, you are subject to a visa requirement even if you are a citizen of a country exempt from any visa requirement for transit or short stay.

Long-stay visas are valid **for a period exceeding 90 days** and for one or multiple entries into Italy and may include transit through the territory of the Schengen States (the length of transit may not exceed 5 days).

Types of visa There are 20 types of entry visa: adoption, business, medical treatment, diplomatic, accompanying family member, sporting events, invitation, self-employment, employment, mission, religious grounds, re-entry, elective residence, family reunification, study, airport transit, transit, transport, tourism, and working holiday.

- Visa type A: Airport transit visa
- Visa type B: Transit visa
- Visa type C: Short-stay visa or travel visa valid for one or more entries and for a period not exceeding 90 days
- Visa type D: Long-stay visa valid for more than 90 days.

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