

Guidelines regarding the validity and admissibility of documentation

1. Documents issued by Pakistani authorities must bear an Apostille. Documents issued by authorities of third countries must, where possible, be apostilled or legalized.
2. Only documents drafted in English or accompanied by a translation into Italian are accepted. Translations must be certified by a notary whose signature must in turn be duly apostilled.
3. Please note that, pursuant to current Italian and Pakistani legislation, the documentation submitted is valid for six months from the date of issue.
4. Please note that only visa applications submitted by applicants permanently residing within the consular jurisdiction of this Embassy will be considered admissible.
5. Minors must be accompanied by one or both parents or by their legal guardians when submitting visa applications. Visa applications signed exclusively by the minor will be considered inadmissible.

National Visa C/D for Religious Purposes

General Documents Required

1. Original National Visa Application Form.
2. One recent ICAO-compliant passport photograph.
3. Proof of residence within this consular jurisdiction.
 - Residence certificate, and
 - For Pakistani citizens: a copy of the National Identity Card (CNIC).
 - For foreign nationals: proof of legal residence in Pakistan (e.g., long-term stay visa and/or residence or work permit).

Note: Married women's CNIC must be updated with their husband's name.

4. Valid passport, original plus one photocopy, with an expiry date at least three months beyond the expiry date of the requested visa.
5. Proof of transportation arrangements:

- Flight reservation or round-trip airline ticket indicating the final destination and transit point within the Schengen Area.
6. Family Registration Certificate (FRC) issued in English by NADRA, apostilled and translated.
 7. Health insurance valid throughout the Schengen Area, covering any medical expenses, hospitalization, and repatriation costs up to at least EUR 30,000.
 8. Proof of financial means:
 - Bank statements showing transactions for the previous six months, duly signed and stamped by the bank;
 - National Tax Identification Number certificate (or exemption certificate, where applicable);
 - Confirmation of tax return submission issued by the Federal Board of Revenue for the two fiscal years preceding the date of application;
 - Or, if none of the above documents can be provided, other documented evidence of income-generating activities or other means of support, where applicable.

Note: Fixed deposit accounts are not accepted. For credit cards linked to bank accounts, a copy of the credit card and proof of the credit limit must be submitted.

Specific Documents Required for a Religious Visa

- A. Letter from the applicant stating the purpose of the trip.
- B. Invitation letter from the religious organization in Italy.
- C. Documentation attesting the applicant's status as a member of the clergy, a member of a religious order, or a minister of religion.
- D. Any additional supporting documentation, if applicable.

For Catholic Applicants

- Note Verbale issued by the Apostolic Nunciature; and
- Original invitation letter from the religious organization in Italy, authenticated by the Vatican Secretariat of State.

The Embassy reserves the right to request any additional documentation deemed necessary.

Note: A visa for religious purposes is granted exclusively to foreign religious workers or ministers of religion who intend to carry out ecclesiastical, religious, or pastoral activities in Italy.

Members of the clergy, ministers of religion and members of the faithful intending to travel to Italy for a pilgrimage must apply for a tourist visa.

Members of the clergy or ministers of religion intending to travel to Italy for study purposes must apply for a student visa.

Members of the clergy or ministers of religion intending to travel to Italy for work purposes other than ecclesiastical, religious, or pastoral activities must apply for a work visa.