

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.

Study Visa – University Enrollment

1. National Visa (D) application form.
2. One recent ICAO-format photograph.
3. Proof of residence within the consular jurisdiction:
 - Residence certificate; and
 - For Pakistani citizens, a copy of the CNIC;
 - For foreign nationals, proof of lawful residence in Pakistan (e.g., long-term stay visa and/or residence or work permit).
4. Valid passport, original plus one photocopy, with an expiry date at least three months beyond the expiry date of the requested visa.

Note: Please also provide photocopies of any previously issued visas and pages containing entry/exit stamps.

5. Proof of transportation arrangements: flight reservation or airline ticket.

Note: If the journey includes multiple changes/layovers within the territory of the Member States, reservations for intra-Schengen travel (train, air, car rental, etc.) must also be provided.

6. Health insurance with minimum coverage of EUR 30,000 for emergency hospital treatment and repatriation expenses, valid throughout the Schengen Area.

7. Proof of accommodation:

- Hotel, residence, or holiday accommodation booking; or
- If staying with family members, friends, or a sponsor, a declaration of guarantee and/or accommodation provided by a private individual (using the relevant form); or
- A declaration by the university covering accommodation expenses.

8. Copy of the pre-enrollment application submitted through the University portal, validated by the university and signed by the applicant.

Note: Only students whose pre-enrollment applications have been validated without reservation may apply for a visa.

9. Motivation letter addressed to the Visa Officer of this Consulate, explaining the purpose of the applicant's studies in Italy.

10. Admission letter issued by the Italian university.

11. Statement of Comparability accompanied by a Statement of Verification issued by the ENIC-NARIC Centre (CIMEA), or a Declaration of Value.

12. Educational documents relating to previous studies, in original and accompanied by a photocopy. All documents must be apostilled and translated into Italian.

13. Language proficiency certificate.

- For programmes taught in Italian: certification proving at least B2 level proficiency, issued by the Universities for Foreigners of Siena and Perugia, Roma Tre University, the legally recognised non-state University for Foreigners "Dante Alighieri" of Reggio Calabria, the Società Dante Alighieri (including through agreements with Italian Cultural Institutes abroad), or other affiliated institutions.

- For programmes taught in a language other than Italian: valid certificates demonstrating at least B2 level proficiency, issued by internationally recognised institutions (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL), or equivalent certifications issued by Italian universities, provided they certify B2 proficiency in all four language skills (listening, reading, speaking, and writing).

14. Proof of the applicant's and parents' (or, where applicable, relatives up to the fourth degree) financial means sufficient to ensure support while in Italy.

- Subsistence funds held in a bank account in the student's name must amount to at least EUR 10,179.85 per year (as provided by the Ministry of the Interior Directive of 1 March 2000).

Note: These are minimum financial requirements. Cash, guarantees provided by persons outside the family unit, bank guarantees, or surety bonds are not acceptable.

Note: Assessment of financial requirements will not be based solely on the nominal account balance at the time of the visa application or on one-off/ad hoc deposits. Rather, it will involve a broader evaluation of the student's or sponsor's socio-economic situation, ensuring the regular availability of sufficient monthly funds to support the applicant in Italy throughout the course of study.

- Scholarships granted by reputable Italian institutions (including universities and local authorities) or by foreign entities considered reliable by the Embassy of Italy in Islamabad.
- Where a sponsor is involved, a written affidavit specifying the financial resources made available to the student, their origin, the duration of support, and the amount provided. The affidavit must be apostilled and translated into Italian. If the sponsor is permanently resident abroad (outside Pakistan), the documentation must be legalised by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular authority.

Additional mandatory documents depending on the profile of the applicant

A. If the applicant (or sponsor) is an employee:

- Income tax returns for the last three years;
- Payslips for the six months preceding the application date;
- Bank statements showing transactions for the previous six months, duly signed and stamped by the bank;

- Copy of the employment contract;
- Letter from the employer authorising the absence and indicating the dates of leave, position, salary, duration of employment, purpose of absence, and employer contact details.

Note: The employer's name/company name, address, telephone number, and email address must be clearly stated.

B. If the applicant (or sponsor) owns a company or is self-employed:

- Company registration certificate;
- Title deed, partnership deed, or articles of incorporation;
- Registration of the company with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry or any other government authority.

D. If the sponsor is retired:

- Pension statements for the previous six months.

E. If the applicant is a minor:

- Proof of consent from one parent (if travelling with the other parent, except in single-parent families where sole custody or guardianship is duly documented) or from both parents, by means of an affidavit containing details of the intended travel and the guarantors/guardians during the trip;
- Copy of the CNIC and Pakistani passport of the non-travelling parent(s);
- Copy of the court decision establishing the parental relationship or guardianship authorisation for the specific trip.

15. Family Registration Certificate (FRC) relating to the applicant's household, issued in English by NADRA (Pakistan National Database and Registration Authority), apostilled and issued no more than six months before the visa application date.

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