



Consolato Generale d'Italia
Calcutta - Kolkata

ITALIAN STUDY VISA Check List 2026-2027 | 2027-2028

1	Passport	Passport/Travel Document must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be issued within the previous 10 years, and the validity must not exceed 10 yrs.• At least have a validity of 3 months after visa duration.• Have at least 2 blank pages.
2	Visa application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form duly filled and signed (in case of minors¹, to be signed by both parents) <p>Please attach one recent passport-size photograph (white background) and do not staple the photographs to the application form</p>
3	Covering letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement of purpose (max 1 page) clarifying reasons for choice of course and Italian Higher Education Institution, means of financial supports, scholarship (if applicable) and intended accommodation.
4	Proof of admission to the study program in Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admission letter• Two copies of pre-enrolment Summary downloaded from the official UNIVERSITALY portal (if required by the Italian Higher Education Institution)²• Receipt of payment of enrolment fees (the payment must be visible on the submitted bank statements)
5	Proof of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Degree/Final School Certificate duly attested by the competent State HED (Higher Education Department) and apostilled. Original and a color copy must be submitted.• Transcript/Marksheet duly attested by the competent State HED and apostilled. Original and a color copy must be submitted. <p>IMPORTANT: Attestation by Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) is not accepted. Provisional certificates of study officially issued by the relevant Institution, duly attested by HRD and apostilled, will be accepted for submitting visa application – original must be submitted after issuance. If the provisional certificate was issued more than a year before the application date, a letter from the Institution shall have to be provided regarding the inability of issuance of the final degree certificate even after one year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the following documents (if required by the Italian Higher Education Institution):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Copy of CIMEA Certificate Statements of Comparability and Verification - CIMEAb) Copy of Declaration of Value (DOV - already issued by an Italian Diplomatic Mission).c) Applicant's CV

6	Proof of Economic Background and Financial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of means of financial support of not less than 10179.85 € per one year or 848.32 € for each month of the entire intended period of stay • 6 months original bank statement of applicant stamped and signed by branch manager • Documents proving applicant's source of income (employment/business activity, ITR for last 3 years, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals, Educational loan³...) <p>In case of scholarship from Italian Government: Proof of scholarship in original. Where the amount of the scholarship does not satisfy the minimum amount established by law, the availability can be proved through other financial means listed above and below.</p> <p>If financially supported by a sponsor⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months original bank statement of applicant's Sponsor (along with the original bank statement of the applicant) • Sponsor ID proof and sponsorship letter • Documents proving sponsor's source of income (employment/business activity, ITR for last 3 years, family income certificate downloaded from official State Government portals...)
7	Overseas medical Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Insurance with a coverage of at least 30,000 €, valid for the first 6 months of stay in Italy, including "repatriation clause" (to be chosen from a range of Schengen-compliant Travel Medical Insurance or one Italian Insurance Company)
8	Flight Tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtrip airline ticket reservations (PNR/booking reference number will be verified) OR sufficient funds on top of the minimum required proof of financial support mentioned in point no. 6. <p>Valid both for short and long stay study visa</p>
9	Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate proof of boarding and lodging in Italy for at least 30 days: hotel booking OR Home Rent agreement OR Accommodation provided by University/Institute (with signed contracts). <p>For short term Schengen study visa, accommodation must be valid for entire period</p>
10	Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2-level English certification, if the course is taught in English (BRITISH INSTITUTES, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS & ASSESSMENT, EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE (ETS), PEARSON EDUCATION LIMITED, TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON) OR equivalent Medium of Education (MOI) declaration by the previous Higher Education Institution • B2-level Italian certification, if the course is taught in Italian

*****Please Note:** Study visa application for BACHELOR and MASTER enrollment for intake 2026/2027 **will not be accepted after 30th November 2026.**

Study visa application for BACHELOR and MASTER enrollment for intake 2027/2028 **will not be accepted after 31st October 2027.**

¹ In case of minor students, it is mandatory to submit:

- Birth Certificate in original duly attested and apostilled (If there is only one legal guardian, the proof must be submitted e.g., Divorce certificate, Death certificate, Proof of sole custody duly attested and apostilled) + 1 copy

- If applicant is travelling with one of the parents: original APOSTILLED consent letter written and signed by the other parent.
- If the minor is travelling alone, both parents will be summoned to the Embassy to sign the consent letter.
- Guardianship acceptance letter of guardian in Italy + copy of ID + 1 copy

² The Pre-enrolment procedure applies to all non-EU applicants living outside Italy who need a study visa type-D to enter Italy for enrollment in an Italian Higher Education Institution recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education (MUR). It needs to be carried out through the UNIVERSITALY portal at the following link: <https://www.universitaly.it>

³ Educational loans to be accepted as part of the financial means only if deposited and visible on bank statements submitted by the applicant. Else, the relevance shall be evaluated on a case-to-case basis.

⁴ If resident in India, those who can act as sponsor are: applicant's relatives until 4th degree kinship. Sponsorship can be provided with verifiable documents also by Italian or foreign nationals legally residing in Italy, institutions, Italian established authorities as universities and local Government bodies or foreign authorities recognized by Italian Government.

Study Visa (National – Long Stay) entitles the applicant to move to Italy for the purpose of pursuing an academic programme lasting more than 90 days.

Kindly be informed that students whose admission is subject to **an entrance test or a language proficiency test** at the university in Italy, must apply for a **Long-Term (D) Visa (visa validity will be until 31.01.2027 for intake 2026/2027 and 31.01.2028 for intake 2027/2028)**. However, students who are required to take **an entrance test before their final study certificate is issued**, must apply for a **Short-Term (C) Visa**.

Important information:

Please be informed that all applicants must schedule their student visa appointment using their own personal email ID and contact number. **The Consulate General of Italy in Kolkata strongly discourages the involvement of agents/agencies** in the visa application process.

- **All study certificates must be attested and apostilled for fresh admission.** This is not required for an exchange programme.
- Ensure there are no discrepancies in the information provided across all the submitted documents. If there is a discrepancy **in the applicant's name (or the sponsor's name)** between the passport and any of the other documents, a **“One and the Same” certificate**, duly attested and apostilled, must be submitted.
- **Kindly note that the processing time for a Study National Visa takes up to 90 days.** We strongly recommend scheduling your travel accordingly, taking this time frame into account. Kindly refrain from contacting the Consulate General to request expedited processing, in detriment of those who applied earlier. In accordance with the Italian law, the Consulate General of Italy in Kolkata can extend the application's processing time in order to request the applicant for a personal interview and/or additional documentation.