



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

RE-ENTRY Visa

This visa category is intended for foreign nationals who **already hold a valid Italian Residence Permit (Permesso di Soggiorno) and who, for various reasons, have remained outside Italian territory beyond the validity period of their permit.**

The same visa must also be requested in cases where a still-valid Residence Permit has been **lost or stolen.**

Please Note – Students already enrolled or wishing to return to Italy

Foreign students who:

- *are resuming their studies after an interruption*
- *have participated in international mobility programmes*

may apply for a Re-entry visa by submitting:

- *an updated certificate of enrolment*
- *proof of payment of university fees*
- *a list of exams taken*
- *a motivation letter, together with any supporting documentation*

To apply, applicants must submit the completed and signed National Visa Application Form ([National Form](#)), along with the documents listed in the following checklist.

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation whenever deemed necessary.

Documents required for the visa application:

- National visa application form, completed and signed. For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

- Valid passport and a copy of the passport, with validity of at least 3 months beyond the date of departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years and containing at least 2 blank pages.
- Recent ICAO-format photograph (3.5 x 4.0 cm), with a light or white background, taken within the last 6 months. For more information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#)
- Proof of legal residence in Ethiopia, valid at the time of application submission.
- Flight reservation. It is not necessary to purchase the ticket before the visa decision is made.
- **In case of a lost or stolen Italian residence permit:** a copy of the police report filed with the competent authorities, duly legalized, or issued by the authorities of the country where the loss or theft occurred. The visa will be issued only upon authorization (“Nulla Osta”) from the competent Police Headquarters (Questura).
- **In case of a residence permit expired for no more than 60 days:** original and copy of the expired residence permit, together with the receipt proving submission of the renewal request.
- Explanatory letter for the re-entry visa request. ([Re-entry Form](#))
- Any additional documents requested by the Embassy in support of the application.

Please note that the issuance of the re-entry visa is subject to authorization by the competent Police Headquarters (Questura) in Italy.

The related procedure will be initiated directly by the Consular Office.