Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

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The tourist visa (visit to family or friends) allows foreign nationals to enter Italy and the Schengen Area for short stays of up to 90 days within any 180-day period for the purpose of visiting family members or friends.

To apply, applicants must submit the completed and signed Schengen application form (Schengen Form) together with the documents listed below, based on the harmonized checklist Lista Armonizzata agreed upon by the Schengen countries for Ethiopia.

For invitation letters issued by family members or friends in Italy, applicants are invited to use the appropriate declaration of guarantee and/or accommodation form PROOF OF SPONSORSHIP AND/OR PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION.

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

The required documents to apply for a visa are:

- Original Schengen visa application form, duly completed and signed.
  For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Recent ICAO-format photograph (4.0 x 3.5 cm), white background, taken within the last 6 months. For further information: ICAO Photograph Guidelines.
- Valid proof of residence in the country where the visa application is submitted.
- Valid passport and copy of the passport, with validity of at least 3 months beyond departure from the Schengen Area and with at least 2 blank pages.
- Flight reservation and detailed travel itinerary. It is not necessary to purchase the flight ticket before the visa decision is issued.
- Proof of accommodation through hotel reservation or declaration of hospitality.
- Signed **invitation letter** accompanied by a copy of the inviter's identity document.

- Proof of relationship with the inviting person through certificates or other supporting documents.
- Financial guarantee from the inviting person, if the latter covers the costs of the stay, accompanied by proof of income or financial means.
- Proof of the applicant's financial means through bank statements for the last 6 months and/or proof of available savings.
- Proof of ties and financial situation in the country of origin, such as property ownership, lease agreements, marital status, children, etc., in original and copy.
- Employment certificate with employer letter indicating: position; salary; approved leave. The letter must be accompanied by the company's business licence.
- For retirees: pension certificate or other proof of income or financial support.
- Company business licence, if applicable. Not required for public institutions.

Additional documents for minors:

- Original birth certificate with legalized copy.
- Full copies of the identity documents and passports of both parents.
- Legalized parental consent declaration authorizing the minor to travel abroad. This document is required if the minor travels internationally.
- Proof of absence or death of one parent, with legalization, if applicable. A court decision or death certificate is required.
- Legal guardianship document, if the guardian is not one of the parents.
- School letter containing: school details; holiday period or leave authorization; school contact details.

Additional required documentation:

- Travel medical insurance with minimum coverage of €30,000 valid for the entire duration of the stay.
- Copies of previous Schengen visas, if available.
- Any additional supporting documents relevant to the application.

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