



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

STUDY Visa

University enrolment

Applications for study visas must be submitted exclusively through the VFS Global Center, by appointment only. The VFS will directly contact students who already obtained a pre-enrolment letter from an Italian University through the e-mail address provided on the University portal. Please do not write an email to neither the VFS or the Embassy of Italy to request an appointment.

Applications for a “study – enrolment” visa must be submitted **no later than 30 November 2026.**

The documents required to apply for a visa are:

- Educational qualifications in original, translated into Italian and notarized Declaration of Value or CIMEA certificate. These documents must be accompanied by the student’s academic transcript.
- National or Schengen visa application form, duly completed and signed. For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Valid passport + 1 copy, valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years, and containing at least 2 blank pages.
- Recent photograph in ICAO format (3.5 x 4.0 cm), with a light background, taken within the last 6 months. For further information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#)
- Proof of residence in Ethiopia, valid document in the country of application.

- Flight reservation. It is not necessary to purchase the ticket before the visa decision is made.
- **Two copies of the pre-enrolment documentation + validated UNIVERSITALY** summary signed by the applicant.
- **Proof of financial means of support:** Proof of personal financial means: preference is given to the applicant's own financial resources or, alternatively, to financial support provided by a family member (relative up to the 4th degree of kinship). The required amount may also be made available by foreign citizens legally residing in Italy or by Italian citizens. In such cases, appropriate documentation must be submitted (family status certificate, payslips, income tax returns, bank statements for the last six months, proof of accommodation, etc.) demonstrating the sponsor's socioeconomic situation. The sponsor's financial circumstances must demonstrate an adequate level of income and resources to support the foreign student and to make available €10,179.85 for the duration of the student's stay in Italy. The sponsor's income and overall financial situation must be adequate to justify setting aside this amount without causing financial hardship.

Applicants may provide the following:

- Personal and/or parental bank accounts and/or international credit or debit cards, together with bank statements for the last 6 months. If the bank statement refers to the student's parents, the original birth certificate with a copy must be provided. If the parents' names are not stated on the birth certificate, documentation proving the family relationship must be submitted, duly translated and legalised.
- Employment letter of the parents (or pension certificate), signed and stamped, indicating the monthly salary, together with a copy of the Business License.
- Any other sources of income (business activities, rental income) must be certified with appropriate documentation and proof of tax payments.
- Scholarships or financial guarantees provided by Italian institutions or the Italian Government.
- **The means of subsistence** required of the student are set at €783.06 per month for the duration of the academic year (approximately **€10,179.85 per year**). These are minimum financial requirements.
Please note: cash, financial guarantees from persons outside the immediate family, as well as bank guarantees or insurance bonds are not considered valid proof of financial means. The assessment will be based on an overall evaluation of the family's financial situation, not solely on bank balances or one-off deposits.
- Proof of funds for repatriation. This amount is in addition to the minimum annual requirement of €10,179.85 and may also be demonstrated by a return flight ticket.

- **Proof of accommodation in Italy** (Please download this form: [Invito/dichiarazione alloggio \(Study Visa\)](#)). The accommodation must be provided in one of the following forms:
 - accommodation declaration from the University (copy accepted);
 - declaration of hospitality or rental contract with a copy of the landlord's identity document;
 - if the declarant is a non-EU citizen, a copy of a valid residence permit and passport (including signature page) must be attached;
 - hotel booking and receipt of payment for at least one month. The document must be on official letterhead, dated and signed, with full details of the student, the signatory, and check-in and check-out dates.
- **Letter of acceptance from the educational institution.** The letter must include:
 - personal details of the applicant;
 - indication of the course or research activity;
 - duration of the course or research;
 - language of instruction;
 - identity of the person responsible for financial support during the stay.
- Travel medical insurance with minimum coverage of €30,000, valid for the entire duration of the stay.
- Proof of language proficiency (level B2), mandatory for all Bachelor's, Master's, and single-cycle degree programmes, including those taught in English.
- **Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation.**