

INVITATION VISA

The Invitation Visa allows entry, for the purpose of a **short stay (type C)**, to foreign nationals invited by well-known public or private entities, institutions, or organizations, as guests of specific events and functions of a political, scientific, or cultural nature.

Upon entry into Italy, the Italian border police are entitled to request supporting documents proving the duration and purpose of the stay.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. [Visa application form](#) filled in and printed, to be signed in the presence of a consular officer

2. One recent passport-size photograph

Taken no more than 6 months ago, with a white background and measuring 35 × 40 mm, in compliance with ICAO guidelines, available at the following link: https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/FAL/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf

3. Passport (original and one color copy)

Valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa expiry date

4. Front and back color copy of a valid Korean residence permit (Residence Card)

With at least 3 months' validity after the visa expiry date

Or alternatively, a paper certificate confirming the issuance of the residence permit (외국인등록사실증명서)

5. Certificate of residence in English (영문 주민등록본)

Or a certificate of entries and exits from the Republic of Korea for foreign nationals (대한민국 출입국에 관한 사실증명서)

6. Round-trip flight booking and travel itinerary

7. Documentation regarding accommodation for the entire period of stay in the Schengen States:

- hotel reservation;
- letter or email confirming that the host will provide accommodation to the visa applicant;
- in the case of hospitality provided by private individuals, the following must be submitted:
 - [Declaration of Hospitality](#)
 - Copy of the host's identity document
- proof of ownership of real estate property.

8. Schengen health insurance.

The policy must be valid in all Schengen countries for the entire duration of the stay and must provide minimum overall coverage of 30,000 euros for hospitalization abroad, illness, and repatriation.

9. Invitation from well-known public or private entities, institutions, or organizations to events and functions of a political, scientific, or cultural nature.

Documents proving that the visit is related to studies/conferences/sporting events/cultural events:

- letter of invitation from the organizer on letterhead, indicating:
 - the purpose and duration of the stay;
 - a detailed program and itinerary;
 - the costs of the study/sports activity and the entity that will cover the related expenses;
 - the accommodation arrangements for the planned period of stay.

Or:

- in the case of participation in seminars/conferences: invitation/ticket for congresses, expos, conferences, seminars;
- in the case of participation in cultural/sporting events: confirmation of the cultural/sporting activities in the Member State;
- in the case of studies: letter of acceptance from the institution, student card, or certificates attesting to the courses to be attended;
- in the case of scientific research: hosting agreement with a research institute.

10. Letter of invitation issued by the host institution or university.

This document is also required in the case of participation in a conference, seminar, or other academic event.

The letter of invitation must indicate the following:

- the period of stay for which the visa is being requested;
- the purpose of the stay.

11. Documentation regarding professional status:

- employees: recently issued certificate of employment in English, certificate of company registration in English, and travel/mission order;
- business owners: recently issued certificate of company registration in English;
- students: recently issued certificate of school or university enrollment;
- other cases: appropriate documentation proving the applicant's personal situation.

12. Documentation regarding financial means. Submit one of the following:

- income certificate issued by the Tax Office;
- bank account balance certificate in the applicant's name and bank statements for the last 3 months;
- certificate of payment of income tax on employment income issued by the employer;
- withholding tax record issued by an accounting firm;
- pension payment certificate.

This Embassy reserves the right to request any additional supporting documentation deemed necessary for the assessment of the visa application. The submission of all the required documentation **does NOT automatically guarantee the issuance of a visa.**