

SELF-EMPLOYMENT VISA

COMMON DOCUMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR THE VISA - SELF-EMPLOYMENT

1. Visa application form

Filled in and printed, to be signed in the presence of a consular officer.

2. One recent passport-format photograph

Taken no more than 6 months earlier), with a white background and dimensions of 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 plus one colour copy)

Valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa's expiry date.

4. Certificate of identity (국문기본증명서) + a colour copy (front and back) of the Korean identity card, or a colour copy (front and back) of the Korean residence permit valid for at least 3 months at the time of the visa application, or alternatively, a paper certificate confirming 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 ticket, or a one-way ticket plus a bank statement in the applicant's name showing additional available funds of €2,000.

7. Nulla Osta (work clearance), or an equivalent official document depending on the type of visa.

8. Health coverage:

Pursuant to Art. 34 of Consolidated Immigration Act No. 286/98, foreign nationals are required to register with the National Health Service (S.S.N.) if residing for reasons of Adoption, Employment, Self-Employment, or Family Reasons. In this regard, the rules governing healthcare assistance for foreign nationals in Italy under bilateral or multilateral international treaties and reciprocity agreements signed by Italy remain unaffected.

9. For short-stay visas, travel health insurance is required

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE VISA TYPE - SELF-EMPLOYMENT WITHIN QUOTA

Entry for self-employment within the quota system is permitted solely for the following categories, as set out in the current flow decree (currently the DPCM of 02/10/2025, art. 3):

a) entrepreneurs carrying out activities of interest to the Italian economy;

b) self-employed professionals belonging to regulated professions, or unregulated professions included in lists maintained by the Public Administration;

c) corporate officers of non-cooperative companies, as expressly provided for under current entry visa regulations. In these cases, proof of the reference financial resource thresholds is not required, and is replaced by the following documentation:

- certificate of the company's registration in the companies register;
- a copy of a formal declaration made by the company's legal representative to the Territorial Labour Directorate, certifying that no employment relationship will be established with the applicant.

d) artists of well-established international fame or high professional standing, engaged by public or private entities (short-term self-employment/entertainment visas of up to 90 days, limited to these artists, are issued outside the quota system, upon presentation of a copy of the contract alone);

e) foreign nationals setting up "innovative start-up" companies pursuant to Law No. 221 of 17 December 2012. For further information, visit the website italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

1. A declaration of no grounds for refusal, issued by the competent Italian administrative Authority, where the possession of authorisations or licences, notifications of activity, or registration in specific registers or professional rolls is required. The declaration must be dated no earlier than three months before submission;
2. Certification of the reference financial resource parameters required to carry out the professional activity, including for activities that do not require licences or authorisations, issued by the competent CCIAA (Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Crafts and Agriculture) for the place where the self-employed activity will be carried out, or by the relevant professional bodies. The certified amount must in any case not be lower than three times the sum corresponding to the annual capitalisation of the monthly social allowance ("assegno sociale"). Income may be considered lawfully earned even if not generated in the country of residence, provided it comes from foreign

sources; in such cases, it must still be evidenced by suitable documentation issued in the country of residence. The declaration must be dated no earlier than three months before submission;

3. Nulla Osta (clearance) issued by the Police Headquarters (Questura) with jurisdiction over the place where the self-employed activity will be carried out. The clearance must be dated no earlier than three months before submission;
4. Proof of suitable accommodation;
5. Proof of an annual income, derived from lawful sources, exceeding the minimum threshold for exemption from participation in healthcare costs. This income cannot be demonstrated through a bank guarantee or insurance policy.
6. Copy of the self-employment contract.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE VISA TYPE - SELF-EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE QUOTA

Entry for self-employment outside the quota system falls under entries for special work cases provided for by Art. 27, paragraph 1, letters a, b, c, d, of Legislative Decree 286/1998, as set out in Art. 40, paragraph 22 of Presidential Decree 394/1999.

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Certification from the Territorial Labour Directorate of the place where the contract is to be performed, confirming that the professional service contract does not constitute an employment relationship;
2. Copy of the service contract;
3. Nulla Osta (clearance) issued by the Police Headquarters (Questura) with jurisdiction over the place where the self-employed activity will be carried out. The clearance must be dated no earlier than three months before submission;
4. Proof of suitable accommodation;

5. Proof of an annual income, derived from lawful sources, exceeding the minimum threshold for exemption from participation in healthcare costs. This income cannot be demonstrated through a bank guarantee or insurance policy.

Foreign athletes called to Italy to carry out self-employed work may be issued an entry visa only upon presentation of a named declaration of consent from CONI, accompanied by clearance from the competent Police Headquarters (Questura), expressly stating that the professional activity falls under self-employment. In this case, entries are outside the quota system

Family members of a holder of a visa or residence permit for self-employment must apply for a family reasons visa. For the required documentation, please refer to the section on [family visa](#).

The visa is mandatory both for short stays of up to 90 days and for long stays of 91 days or more

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.**