

VISAS FOR DIGITAL NOMADS AND REMOTE WORKERS

These are visas designed for foreign nationals who intend to carry out a highly qualified work activity in Italy (Art. 27-quater, paragraph 1(d), Legislative Decree 286/98) through the use of technological tools that will allow them to work remotely.

If the activity carried out qualifies as self-employment, a self-employment/digital nomad visa must be requested, whereas for workers with an employment contract, an employed worker/remote worker visa must be requested.

REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR THE DIGITAL NOMAD VISA

1. Visa application form filled in and printed, to be signed in person

- [Schengen/Short term visa](#)
- [National/Long term visa](#)

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, with two blank pages

4. Documents proving residence in South Korea

4.1. For Korean citizens:

Certificate of identity + certificate of residence in English (영문 주민등록등본)

4.2. For non-Korean citizens:

- *For Schengen visas:* colour copy of the Korean residence permit valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa's expiry date, or alternatively, a paper certificate of issuance of the residence permit valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa's expiry date
- *For national visas:* colour copy of the currently valid Korean residence permit

5. Flight ticket

- For Schengen visas: booking of a round-trip ticket
- For national visas: booking of a round-trip ticket, or a one-way ticket together with proof of ability to cover return travel expenses.

When submitting the visa application, applicants **MUST ALSO DEMONSTRATE:**

a) that they are highly qualified workers (Art. 27-quater, paragraph 1, Legislative Decree 286/98)

b) a minimum annual income of no less than three times the minimum threshold set for exemption from participation in healthcare costs (currently €8,500 × 3 = €25,500)

c) health insurance covering medical treatment and hospitalisation, valid throughout Italian territory for the duration of the stay

d) availability of accommodation (a property ownership deed, or a lease agreement registered with the Revenue Agency)

e) at least six months' experience in the field of work to be carried out as a digital nomad

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF THE REMOTE WORKER VISA

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- [National/Long term visa](#)

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f) an employment or collaboration contract, or the corresponding binding offer. The amount of the annual salary must not be lower than the salary set out in the national collective agreements entered into by the most representative trade unions at national level, and in any case must not be lower than

the average gross annual salary as recorded by ISTAT and available here: <https://esploradati.istat.it/databrowser/#/it>

g) a declaration by the employer, accompanied by a copy of a valid identity document, certifying that they have not been convicted, in the past 5 years, of the offences referred to in Article 22, paragraph 5-bis, of the Consolidated Immigration Act (Testo Unico)

HOW TO PROVE THAT ONE IS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKER (for both types of visa)

The applicant may prove that they are a highly qualified worker in one of the following ways:

1. By holding a tertiary-level higher education qualification (issued by a competent University in the country where it was obtained) certifying completion of a higher education course lasting at least three years, or a post-secondary professional qualification lasting at least three years or corresponding at least to level 6 of the National Qualifications Framework referred to in the Decree of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of 8 January 2018.

2. By meeting the requirements for practising regulated professions, as certified by one of the competent Italian Authorities (Art. 5, Legislative Decree No. 206 of 6 November 2007 — [see the List of Regulated Professions and Competent Authorities on *impresainungiorno.gov.it*](#)). A copy of the aforementioned certification must be submitted.

3. By holding a higher professional qualification certified by at least five years of professional experience of a level comparable to tertiary-level higher education qualifications, relevant to the profession or sector specified in the employment contract or binding offer. The applicant must submit the following documents, issued by a Public Authority in the country where such experience was gained (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Municipality, competent public bodies, social security institutions, etc.):

- identifying details of the company and the specific sector of activity in which the company operates or has operated;
- the position held by the applicant within the company (owner, partner, employee);
- a copy of the employment contract and/or copies of payslips relating to the period of employment (at least two per year declared);
- a certification from the employer describing the experience gained within the company and indicating the start and end dates of the employment relationship.

4. By holding a higher professional qualification certified by at least three years of relevant professional experience gained in the seven years preceding submission of the application, where the applicant is a manager or specialist in the information and communication technology sector as defined by ISCO-08 classifications No. 133 and No. 25.

Documentation issued by authorities/entities that are NOT from EU countries must be submitted as a certified copy (or a copy certified as a true copy of the original), apostilled or legalised, and translated into Italian. The translation must be certified as consistent with the original text. For the educational qualification and the related tertiary-level professional qualification, in place of the "Declaration of Value" (Dichiarazione di Valore), a certificate of comparability issued by the Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence (CIMEA) may also be submitted.

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.**