

**Information on the protection of natural persons
with regard to the processing of personal data for the purpose of issuing a visa
entry into Italy and the Schengen area
(General Data Protection Regulation / GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art. 13)**

The processing of personal data for the purpose of issuing an entry visa to Italy and the Schengen area is based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons.

To this end, pursuant to Art. 13 of the GDPR, the following information is provided:

1. Data Controller

The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic which operates, in this specific case, through the Italian Embassy in Tashkent (postal address: Yusuf Xos Xodjib Str. nr. 40 – 100031; certified email: amb.tashkent@cert.esteri.it).

2. Data Protection Officer

For questions or complaints regarding privacy, the interested party can contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the MAECI (postal address: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 ROME; telephone: 0039 06 36911 (switchboard); e-mail: rpd@esteri.it; certified e-mail : rpd@cert.esteri.it).

3. Processed personal data

The processed personal data are the data requested in the visa application form, as well as those present in the European Visa Information System (VIS) and in the national archive.

4. Purpose of the processing

The personal data requested are processed in order to evaluate the application for an entry visa to Italy and the Schengen area of a citizen of a non-European Union country for which a visa is required.

5. Legal bases of the processing

The legal bases for the processing are as follows:

- Regulation (EC) No. 767/2008 of 9 July 2008 establishing the “Visa Information System / VIS” for the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (Schengen area);
- Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 and subsequent amendments establishing the “Community Code on Visas” (Schengen area);
- Legislative Decree 25 July 1998, n. 286;
- Presidential Decree 31 August 1999, n.394;
- Interministerial Decree on Entry Visas No. 850 of 11 May 2011.

Pursuant to the aforementioned regulations, the provision of the data in question is mandatory for the processing of the visa application, and any refusal to provide the requested data will make the application inadmissible.

6. Methods of processing

Data processing, carried out by specially designated personnel, will be performed manually and automatically. Specifically, for short-stay visas, the data will be stored in the VIS; for other types of visas, the data will be entered into the national archive.

7. Transmission of data to third parties

Pursuant to European legislation on the Schengen area (specifically, Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 of 13 July 2009), the data required for issuing short-stay visas will be made available to the competent Italian security authorities, as well as the competent authorities of the European Union and other Member States. For other types of visas, the data will be made available to the competent Italian security authorities.

8. Data retention period

Data will be retained in the VIS for a maximum period of five years. After this period, personal data relating to Schengen visas (short stays) issued by Italy will be transferred to the national archive. The data will be retained indefinitely in this archive to meet various needs, such as national security, litigation, or research and study activities.

9. Rights of the interested party

The interested party may request access to and rectification of their personal data. Within the limits established by applicable law and without prejudice to any consequences for the outcome of the visa application, they may also request the deletion of such data, as well as the restriction of processing or objection to processing. Specifically, the interested party may request the deletion of their personal data entered in the VIS if they acquire citizenship of an EU Member State within five years of the decision granting or refusing an entry visa, or if the competent administrative or judicial authority definitively annuls the visa refusal.

In these cases, the interested party must submit a specific request to the Italian Embassy in Uzbekistan, informing the DPO of the MAECI for information.

10. Complaints

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the MAECI DPO. Alternatively, you may contact the Italian Data Protection Authority (postal address: Piazza Venezia 11, 00187 ROME; telephone number: 0039 06 696771 (switchboard); e-mail: protocollo@gdpd.it; certified e-mail: protocollo@pec.gdpd.it).

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