



Italian Embassy
Tashkent

NATIONAL STUDY VISA

(UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT AND FOUNDATION YEARS)

Academic year 2026-2027

Visa Type:	National Visa (type "D")
Length of stay:	from 91 to 365 days
Entrances:	multiple entries
Application deadline:	November 30, 2026 (excluding preparatory courses)
Time requirements for submitting the application:	no earlier than six months and at the latest 15 calendar days before the start of the planned trip
Deadline for completion of the procedure:	90 days
Reference legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, articles. 38-bis, 39, 39-bis and 39-ter• Presidential Decree no. 394/1999, art. 40, co. 9 lit. a), and articles. 44-bis, 46 and 47• Interministerial Decree No. 850/2011, Annex A, point 15

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Type "D" National Study Visa, labeled "university enrollment," allows foreign citizens to enter Italy upon pre-enrollment in a bachelor's, master's, or single-cycle master's degree program offered by public or private universities and institutions accredited by the Ministry of Education and Merit and authorized to issue higher education qualifications pursuant to current legislation.

The passport will not be returned until a final decision on the visa has been made, given that the maximum processing time for the application is 90 days.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Students are invited to review the Procedures for Entry, Residence, and Enrollment of International Students in Higher Education Programs published by the Italian Ministry of Education and Merit, as well as the related Annexes 1 and 2, available at the following links:

- https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2023/Circolare_2023_2024_EN.pdf
- https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2022/Allegato1_EN.pdf
- https://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2022/Allegato2_EN.pdf

The student must submit an online pre-enrollment application via the web page <https://university.it>. When completing the online pre-enrollment form, students must provide their personal information, select the course they wish to enroll in, and upload a scanned copy of their passport and the qualifications required to enroll in the selected course. For technical support using the UNIVERSITY website, students can contact university@ Cineca.it. Students can also request assistance by contacting info@uni-italia.it. The relevant academic institution, after approving the student's pre-enrollment, will forward the application to the competent diplomatic-consular representation in the student's consular jurisdiction. Once the application is approved, students will receive an email informing them to contact the relevant diplomatic-consular representation to apply for a study visa.

AUTHENTICITY AND COMPARABILITY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Before applying for a visa, students must follow specific procedures to obtain documentation certifying the authenticity and validity of their qualifications, as well as their comparability with the corresponding Italian qualification that, under Italian law, would allow them to enroll in their chosen course of study.

1) AUTHENTICITY

For the purposes of issuing a study visa, the Italian Embassy can consider the students' educational certificates authentic only if they have been legalized by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular representation or if they bear the so-called Apostille. If the qualifications were issued by an educational institution based in a **State that is NOT PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention** which abolishes the requirement for legalization of foreign public documents, students must obtain consular legalization of their qualifications by contacting the competent Italian diplomatic-consular representation, i.e., the one accredited in the consular jurisdiction of the country where the educational institution that issued the qualifications is located. For example, if the certificates were issued by an educational institution in accordance with the curriculum in force in the Republic of Turkmenistan (a country not party to the 1961 Hague Convention), the Italian Embassy in Ashgabat will be responsible for legalizing the certificates.

If, however, the study certificates were issued by an educational institution based in a **State PARTY to the 1961 Hague Convention** which abolishes the requirement for legalization of foreign public documents, the apostille applied to certificates may replace



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consular legalization. To this end, students must contact the competent government authorities of the country in which the institution issuing the certificates is located. Therefore, it should be noted that the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Tajikistan are both signatories to the aforementioned Hague Convention, which means that a certificate issued according to the educational curriculum in force under Uzbek and/or Tajik law may be presented to the Italian Embassy in Tashkent, duly apostilled, for the purpose of issuing a study visa. Certificates issued according to the British or US educational curriculum must also be apostilled, as both the United Kingdom and the United States are signatories to the 1961 Hague Convention.

Certificates of study must be translated into Italian by one of the trusted translators of the Italian Embassy in Tashkent, whose contact details can be found at the following link:

<https://ambtashkent.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-foreigner/legalizzazione-e-traduzione-dei-documenti/>

IMPORTANT: The Embassy may consider the CIMEA Certificate of Authenticity suitable for the purposes of authenticating qualifications ONLY if the higher education institution in Italy considers it, by means of a specific declaration made on UNIVERSITALY, a valid document proving the authenticity of the qualifications for the purposes of enrollment.

2) **COMPARABILITY**

In addition to authenticity of the qualifications, the student must also demonstrate their comparability with the corresponding qualification that, under the Italian education system, would guarantee admission to the chosen program. To this end, the student must submit the Declaration of Value or the CIMEA Certificate of Comparability.

Important: Both the Declaration of Value and the CIMEA Statement of Comparability certify the comparability of the foreign qualification with the corresponding Italian qualification, but they do not certify its authenticity. Therefore, before requesting the Declaration of Value or the CIMEA Statement of Comparability, students are encouraged to complete the procedures outlined above regarding the authenticity of their qualification.

• **Declaration of Value (DoV)**

To obtain a Declaration of Value, students must submit their certificates to the accredited Italian diplomatic-consular representation in the consular jurisdiction of the country where the educational institution that issued them is located. Therefore, to obtain a Declaration of Value for educational certificates issued by institutions located in Uzbekistan or Tajikistan and according to the educational curriculum adopted by Uzbek and/or Tajik law, students may contact the Consular Office of the Italian Embassy in Tashkent. If, however, students hold a qualification issued according to the British curriculum, they must contact the competent Italian Consular Office in the United Kingdom.

• **CIMEA Certificate of Comparability**

For the purposes of issuing a study visa, the student may submit the CIMEA Certificate of Comparability if the higher education institution in Italy, by means of a specific declaration on UNIVERSITALY, considers it an alternative to the Declaration of Value as a document proving comparability and for enrollment purposes.

To request CIMEA certificates, you need to connect to the portal www.cimea.it.

Students are encouraged to contact the Italian Embassy in Tashkent to submit their visa application after completing the pre-enrollment procedures and verifying the authenticity and comparability of their qualifications.

UK, US AND IB HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Annex 1 of the Procedures for the Entry, Residence, and Enrollment of International Students in Higher Education Courses in Italy for the 2026-2027 Academic Year, the following is specified:

- Students intending to enroll in higher education courses in Italy and holding a British high school diploma may be admitted to a university course in Italy only if they have passed at least three Advanced Level (A-Level) exams, achieving the required minimum passing grade, in three subjects relevant to the university course they intend to enroll in. Furthermore, it may be possible to combine three different subjects from A-Levels and Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects. The Cambridge Pre-U diploma, consisting of three Principal Subjects + Global Perspective and Research, may be accepted by the University as an alternative to A-Levels for student admission purposes.
- With particular reference to students who intend to enroll in higher education courses in Italy and have a US high school diploma, they can be admitted to a university course of study in Italy only if they have passed at least three Advanced Placement (AP) exams, obtaining a score of 3 to 5, in three different subjects related to the university course of study in which they intend to enroll.
- with reference to students who intend to enroll in higher education courses in Italy and are in possession of the International Baccalaureate qualification (IB), these can be admitted to a university course of study in Italy provided that the final qualification, issued by an educational institution recognized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), satisfies the following requirements:
 - at least 24 points in six elective subjects, of which 12 must be achieved at "Higher Level";
 - passing the exams required in the following three main subjects: Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Action, Service (CAS),



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Extended Essay (EE).

IMPORTANT: The above requirements for A-Levels, AP, and IB do not apply to students enrolled in foundation year courses. These courses are intended to allow students to meet the requirements listed in Appendix 1 of the Procedures for Entry, Residence, and Enrollment of International Students.

PREPARATORY COURSES (FOUNDATION YEAR)

Pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 1, of Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004, regarding universities, and Article 7, paragraph 2, of Presidential Decree no. 212/2005, regarding AFAM Institutes, higher education institutions may organize preparatory courses (foundation year) lasting one year (or less), aimed at enabling students to meet the requirements set out in Annex 1 of the Procedures for Entry, Residence, and Enrollment of International Students. Students may enroll in preparatory courses even if they hold high school diplomas that do not meet the minimum requirements for enrollment in higher education programs in Italy, in accordance with Annex 1 of the Procedures for Entry, Residence, and Enrollment of International Students, and based on the evaluation carried out by the higher education institutions. Students must pre-enroll on the UNIVERSITALY web portal. The November 30th deadline for submitting a study visa (university enrollment) does not apply to pre-enrollment in preparatory courses. Students can apply for a visa at any time during the year, as long as it is before the start of the course.

CHECKLIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1	<p>Application form for a National Visa type “D” duly completed and signed in original by the applicant.</p> <p><i>For minors under 18, the form must be signed in original by both parents at the Embassy when submitting the application to the designated Official. Both parents and the minor must be physically present at the Embassy.</i></p>
2	<p>A recent (no older than six months) passport-sized photo with a white background ICAO</p>
3	<p>Original passport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the passport issue date must not be older than 10 years;</i> • <i>the passport must be valid for at least 90 days from the expiry date of the requested visa;</i> • <i>The passport must contain at least two blank pages.</i>
4	<p>Photocopy of passport and identity card/domestic passport.</p>
5	<p>Proof of residence documentation.</p> <p><i>The proof of residence documentation ONLY for Uzbek citizens is as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Uzbek identity card/domestic passport;</i> – <i>Certificate of residence downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz.</i> <p><i>The following documentation is required to prove residency ONLY for Tajik citizens:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Tajik identity card;</i> – <i>certificate of residence.</i> <p><i>The proof of residence documentation ONLY for non-Uzbek citizens residing in Uzbekistan is as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>A valid and up-to-date residence permit issued by the competent authorities of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The original residence permit must be presented at the visa counter, along with a photocopy to be attached to the visa application. It is preferable that the residence permit be valid for at least 90 days after the return date;</i> – <i>work permit issued by the Migration Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan;</i> – <i>Employment certificate and salary downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;</i> – <i>Certificate issued by the visa applicant's employer, with original signature and stamp, accompanied by a copy of the signatory's passport and Uzbek identity card. The signature on the certificate must match the signature on the Uzbek passport/identity document. The certificate must state the applicant's place of employment and residential address. If the visa applicant runs a business, a copy of the Chamber of Commerce registration and/or business license must be attached. However, if the visa applicant is not employed and is dependent on a family member, the same documents relating to the dependent family member must be attached to the application, along with a signed original statement from the family member certifying that the visa applicant is dependent, and a copy of the family member's Uzbek passport/identity document;</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rental agreement or property title proving the visa applicant's residency in Uzbekistan, along with electricity and water bills for the last three months in their name. If the visa applicant is not a tenant or owner, they must submit the same documentation in the name of the family member with whom they live, in addition to a copy of the cohabiting family member's passport or identity card. <p>The proof of residence documentation ONLY for non-Tajik citizens residing in Tajikistan is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– A valid and valid residence permit issued by the competent authorities of the Republic of Tajikistan. The original residence permit must be presented at the visa counter, along with a photocopy to be attached to the visa application. It is preferable that the residence permit be valid for at least 90 days after the return date;– work permit issued by the competent immigration offices of Tajikistan;– Certificate issued by the visa applicant's employer, with original signature and stamp, accompanied by a copy of the signatory's passport and Tajik identity card. The signature on the certificate must match the signature on the Tajik passport/identity document. The certificate must state the applicant's place of employment and residential address. If the visa applicant runs a business, a copy of the Chamber of Commerce registration and/or business license must be attached. However, if the visa applicant is not employed and is dependent on a family member, the same documents relating to the dependent family member must be attached to the application, along with a signed original declaration from the family member certifying that the visa applicant is dependent, and a copy of the family member's passport/identity document;– Rental agreement or property deed proving the visa applicant's residency in Tajikistan, along with electricity and water bills for the last three months in their name. If the visa applicant is not a tenant or owner, they must submit the same documentation in the name of the family member with whom they live, in addition to a copy of the cohabiting family member's passport or identity card.
6	A copy of the pre-enrollment certificate downloadable from the UNIVERSITALY portal.
7	Letter of admission to the program issued by the academic institution, written in Italian. The letter must certify the type of program and its duration, and confirm whether classes are taught remotely or with mandatory attendance.
8	Receipt of payment of at least the first installment of the registration fee.
9	Certification of knowledge of the language in which the course will be taught.
10	Academic qualifications (photocopy and original), both parchment and report card/certificate of exams taken, indicating the level of education required for enrollment in the chosen university program. The original will be returned to the student. For British, American, and Swiss qualifications, A-Levels, Advanced Placement exams, and the IB certificate are required in addition to the parchment and report card.
11	Italian translation of your qualification (photocopy and original), including both the parchment and the report card/certificate of exams taken. For translations, please contact one of our trusted translators by following the link below: https://ambtashkent.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-foreigner/legalizzazione-e-traduzione-dei-documenti/ The originals will be returned to the student.
12	Declaration of Value and/or Certificate of Comparability from CIMEA, both original and photocopy. The originals will be returned to the student.
13	Letter of authorization for the issuance of a study visa signed by the employer or family member. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the visa applicant is employed, the employer must draft a letter of authorization, addressed to the Italian Embassy in Tashkent, authorizing the applicant to move to Italy for study purposes, confirming any resignation. If the visa applicant continues to work remotely and receives their monthly salary, this must be confirmed in the letter of authorization. A photocopy of the signatory's passport must be attached to the letter of authorization. Documents certifying the applicant's employment status must also be provided. role of the signatory within the company/organization and/or any power of attorney.• If the visa applicant is not working and is dependent on a family member (parent, spouse, etc.), the family member must draft a Nulla Osta letter, addressed to the Italian Embassy in Tashkent, authorizing the student to move to Italy for study purposes. Furthermore, unless the student is eligible for a scholarship covering all expenses for their stay in Italy, the family member must also certify that they will cover all expenses necessary for the student's stay in Italy. The following must be attached to the family member's clearance letter:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– A civil status certificate (birth, marriage, etc.) certifying the relationship. The certificate must be translated into Italian by one of our trusted translators (https://ambtashkent.esteri.it/it/servizi-consolari-e-visti/servizi-per-il-cittadino-foreigner/legalizzazione-e-traduzione-dei-documenti/);



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	<p>– Photocopy of the student's passport, Uzbek/Tajik residence permit, and Uzbek/Tajik identity card of the student's family member.</p>
14	<p>Documents proving possession of adequate financial means in Uzbekistan/Tajikistan.</p> <p>If the visa applicant is employed, the following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A bank statement updated to the last three months for the personal account into which the salary is paid. If the visa applicant is self-employed or owns a business, a company registration certificate and/or a business license proving ownership of the business is required, in addition to personal and business bank statements. All bank statements must be printed on bank letterhead and bear the original bank stamp in liquid ink.• internationally accepted credit/debit card statement updated within the last three months;• Employment certificate and salary downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;• any other document supporting proof of adequate financial means during the intended stay (e.g. bank statements from any additional current accounts). <p>If the visa applicant is not working and is dependent on a family member, the following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A bank statement updated to the last three months for the family member's personal account, into which the salary is paid. If the family member for whom the visa applicant is dependent is self-employed or owns a business, the company's Chamber of Commerce registration and/or business license certifying ownership of the business in question is required, in addition to personal and business bank statements. All bank statements must be printed on bank letterhead and bear the original liquid ink stamp of the bank;• internationally accepted credit/debit card statement updated within the last three months;• employment certificate attesting salary received by the family member on whom the visa applicant is dependent, downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;• any other document supporting proof of adequate financial means during the intended stay (e.g. bank statements from any additional current accounts). <p>IMPORTANT: Only bank statements issued by credit institutions located in the Republic of Uzbekistan and/or the Republic of Tajikistan, with a liquid ink stamp, will be taken into consideration (bank statements must not be older than 10 working days from the date of submission of the visa application).</p>
15	<p>Certificate of health insurance coverage for the entire period of stay in the Schengen Area</p> <p>The insurance policy must provide a minimum coverage of €30,000.00, valid throughout the Schengen Area, and must include emergency hospitalization, repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical care, emergency hospital care, death, and repatriation of the deceased.</p>
16	<p>Proof of accommodation, at least for the first month of your stay.</p> <p>Availability of accommodation can be proven as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• booking confirmation at the accommodation facility;• Invitation from a citizen (Italian or foreign with a residence permit) legally resident in Italy. The inviter must duly complete and sign the "Private Accommodation Invitation Form." The invitation form must include a photocopy of the passport, residence permit (if a foreign citizen), and rental agreement or property deed certified by the competent Italian authorities.
17	<p>Round trip flight booking.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: The Visa Office will only process applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted outside the aforementioned time limits will be immediately rejected by the reception staff at the counter. If the application has already been entered into the IT system, the Visa Office will issue the citizen a simplified decision declaring the application inadmissible, return the attached documents, delete the biometric data from the system (if acquired), and refund any fees collected.</p>
18	<p>If the visa applicant is under 18 years of age, the following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• photocopies of Uzbek and/or Tajik passports and identity cards of parents or legal guardians;• a letter of authorization for the minor's transfer to Italy for study purposes, signed in original by both parents, declaring the purpose of the trip, the date, and the destination;• Proof of adequate protection of the minor in Italy until he or she reaches the age of majority.• The minor's birth certificate, either the original or a photocopy (the original will be returned immediately), showing the parents' names. The certificate must be translated into Italian or English by a certified translator accredited in the Republic of Uzbekistan or the Republic of Tajikistan. A birth certificate is not required if the parents' names are listed on the minor's passport. The certificate must be apostilled



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	<p><i>in accordance with the 1961 Hague Apostille Convention (please note that Uzbekistan is a signatory to the aforementioned Convention), or legalized by the Italian diplomatic-consular authority accredited in the State in which the aforementioned certificate was issued (if this is a State that is not a signatory to the aforementioned Convention).</i></p> <p>IMPORTANT: Original documents and/or certified copies will be returned as long as a photocopy is available to attach to the visa application.</p>
19	<p>Checklist of supporting documents.</p> <p><i>The visa applicant must submit this checklist, written in both Italian and a foreign language they understand. The checklist must be printed by the visa applicant and signed in original.</i></p> <p><i>In the event of any discrepancies in interpretation between the version originally drafted in Italian and any other version drafted in any other language, the original Italian version shall prevail.</i></p>

DECLARATION:

I understand that failure to submit ALL the documents listed above may result in the denial of my visa application, and that submitting all the documentation listed herein does not automatically guarantee the issuance of a visa.

I understand that the Italian Embassy in Tashkent reserves the right to request additional documents to supplement the visa application, if deemed necessary for a more thorough evaluation of the application.

I understand that the administrative process for processing my visa application has a 90-day deadline and that my passport will not be returned until the final decision on issuing or denying my visa has been issued.

I am aware that, with regard to the interpretation of the contents of this document, in the event of any discrepancies in interpretation between the version originally drafted in Italian and any other version drafted in any other language, the original version in Italian shall prevail.

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read the information on the protection of personal data relating to the issuing of entry visas to Italy and the Schengen area (General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art. 13) also available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.	Initials:
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Email address (print)	Mobile number
Place and date	Visa applicant's signature (parents' signature in the presence of minors)