



Italian Embassy
Tashkent

NATIONAL STUDY VISA

(POSTGRADUATE)

Academic year 2026-2027

Visa Type:	National Visa (type "D")
Length of stay:	from 91 to 365 days
Entrances:	multiple entries
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 n. 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 "post-graduate," allows foreign citizens to enter Italy upon pre-enrollment in first- or second-level master's degree programs, or in a research doctorate, 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

Students must submit their pre-enrollment application online via the website <https://universitaly.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 any qualifications that qualify them for the selected course. For technical support using the UNIVERSITALY website, students can contact universitaly@cineca.it. Students can also request assistance by contacting info@uni-italia.it. After approving the student's pre-enrollment, the relevant academic institution 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) AUTHENTICATION

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 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 consular legalization. To this end, students must contact the competent government authorities of the country in which the institution



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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 is why 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

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, students 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.

CHECKLIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1	Application form for a National Visa type "D" duly completed and signed in original by the applicant.
2	A passport-sized photo with a white background and recent (no more than six months old) link ICAO
3	Original passport. <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	Photocopy of passport.
5	Proof of residence documentation. <i>The proof of residence documentation ONLY for Uzbek citizens is as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Uzbek identity card/domestic passport;</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certificate of residence downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz. <p>The following documentation is required to prove residency ONLY for Tajik citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tajik identity card;- certificate of residence. <p>The proof of residence documentation ONLY for non-Uzbek citizens residing in Uzbekistan is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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;- work permit issued by the Migration Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan;- Employment certificate and salary downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;- 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;- 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 can be downloaded 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 qualification (photocopy and original), either parchment or transcript/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.
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/



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	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">• <i>If the visa applicant is employed, the employer must draft a Nulla Osta letter, addressed to the Italian Embassy in Tashkent, authorizing the applicant to move to Italy for study purposes, confirming any resignation and any cancellation of the Uzbek/Tajik residence permit. If the visa applicant continues to work remotely and receives their monthly salary, this must be confirmed in the Nulla Osta letter. A photocopy of the signatory's passport and/or Uzbek/Tajik residence permit must be attached to the Nulla Osta letter. Documents certifying the applicant's role of the signatory within the company/organization and/or any power of attorney.</i>• <i>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:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>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/);</i>– <i>Photocopy of the student's passport, Uzbek/Tajik residence permit, and Uzbek/Tajik identity card of the student's family member.</i>
14	Documents proving possession of adequate financial means in Uzbekistan/Tajikistan. <p><i>If the visa applicant is employed, the following documents are required:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>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.</i>• <i>internationally accepted credit/debit card statement updated within the last three months;</i>• <i>Employment certificate and salary downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;</i>• <i>any other document supporting proof of adequate financial means during the intended stay (e.g. bank statements from any additional current accounts).</i> <p><i>If the visa applicant is not working and is dependent on a family member, the following documents are required:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>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;</i>• <i>internationally accepted credit/debit card statement updated within the last three months;</i>• <i>employment certificate attesting salary received by the family member on whom the visa applicant is dependent, downloadable from the portal https://my.gov.uz;</i>• <i>any other document supporting proof of adequate means of subsistence during the intended stay (e.g. bank statements from any additional current accounts).</i> <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	Certificate of health insurance coverage for the entire period of stay in the Schengen Area <p><i>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.</i></p>
16	Proof of accommodation, at least for the first month of your stay. <p><i>Availability of accommodation can be proven as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>booking confirmation at the accommodation facility;</i>• <i>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</i>



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	<i>foreign citizen), and rental agreement or property deed certified by the competent Italian authorities.</i>
17	<p>Round trip flight booking.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: <u>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.</u></p>
18	<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) available also 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)