

STUDY VISA APPLICATION

Citizens and Permanent Residents of New Zealand, Tuvalu, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Pitcairn can apply for a Study Visa for Italy to the Embassy of Italy in Wellington.

A study visa allows entry into Italy for short and/or long stays for the purpose of study, vocational training, apprenticeships and exchange/mobility programs.

In order to lodge an application, applicants are required to post to the Embassy (PO box 463, 6140) the following documentation:

- National Visa Application Form; the application must be signed in front of a Justice of the Peace (JP);
- A valid passport with at least 90 days validity after the visa expiry date (the passport must have a blank page on which the visa will be affixed);
- 1 recent passport-style photo;
- Full flight itinerary including border of entry into Italy;
- Proof of Payment of the visa processing fee (i.e. screenshot of your bank account). <u>Payment is required by bank transfer</u>. Please note that the amount of the visa processing fee changes from quarter to quarter. The applicant is advised to check the correct amount to be paid and our bank details <u>at this his link</u> (Please pay amount for Study Visa);
- Prepaid self-addressed courier envelope with attached "Courier with Signature" label (to be purchased separately). For Rural deliveries please include also a "Rural Delivery label" (also purchased separately).
- Proof of accommodation (hotel bookings) for at least the first 10 days of your stay;
- ➤ In case of sponsorship or accommodation provided by a private host, applicants are required to present an <u>Host Declaration Form</u> duly signed by your host and accompanied by your host's ID and valid residence permit;
- Proof of sufficient means of support for entire stay (current bank balance);
- ➤ Travel insurance that covers a minimum of EURO 30 000 for emergency medical expenses. Please note that travel insurance must cover the entire period as per enrolment letter.
- An official letter of enrolment from an Italian academic institution, also indicating the course or the exchange commencement and termination dates;

Please note that additional documentation may be required for specific type of study visa. Please also note that our visa officers reserve the right to request additional documentation to support a visa application and biometric identifiers are required for short stay study visas.

Visas can take up to 30 days to process once a complete application is submitted and if there are no setbacks. We encourage applicants to apply two months in advance before their intended date of departure.