



Embassy of Italy
Lusaka

Requirements for a Visa for Religious purposes or religious studies

1. Duly completed application form (free of charge);
2. One recent colour passport size photograph (white background);
3. Original passport (with a validity of at least 3 months after the expiry date of the requested Visa and a minimum of 3 blank pages), with copies of previous Schengen visas;
4. Copy of applicant's passport and NRC;
5. Non-Zambian citizens must hold a valid residence permit with a validity of at least 3 months after the expiry date of the requested Visa;
 - For Refugees – New Refugee ID Card 01.12.2000 and letter from Home Affairs authorizing departure and re-entry into Zambia;
6. Travel medical insurance for all Schengen Countries with a minimum coverage of €30,000 for emergency hospitalization and repatriation expenses for the duration of your stay (up to 90 days);
 - For long term visas (D Type, more than 90 days) the validity of the insurance must be for a minimum of 8 days);
7. Return flight reservation;
8. Letter in original from the confessional organization "Casa Madre", duly certified by the Vatican "Segreteria di Stato", confirming:
 - Applicant's condition as a religious person;
 - The religious character of the initiative and/or activities that the applicant will attend in Italy, (i.e. religious meeting, training, studies etc.) and details of sponsorship;
 - Duration of visa requested Type C (valid for up to 90 days) or Type D (valid for more than 90 days);
 - Accommodation for the entire duration of the stay;
9. Letter from the appertaining Congregation and Note Verbale from the Apostolic Nunciature in Lusaka, both in original.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- *The Italian Embassy will issue National visas (type D) to travellers whose main destination is Italy;*
- *The Visa office reserves the right to request additional documentation and/or a further interview with the applicant;*
- *Presentation of all the requested documents does not necessarily guarantee issuance of a Visa; Submission of counterfeit or falsified documents will result in refusal of entry into the Schengen Area; such papers will not be returned and may be sent to the relevant local Judicial Authorities;*
- *Schengen Border Authorities are entitled to demand proof of requisites from all travellers and may refuse entry to Visa holders.*

Visa fee: [Tariffario-2025-IV-Trimestre.pdf](#)