



Embassy of Italy
Lusaka

Requirements for a Study Visa

Visa Applications must be submitted a minimum of 15 days prior to departure.

Kindly note that documents listed from 3 to 5 must be submitted in both original and photocopy

1. **Application form** (free of charge) duly completed and signed on each relevant page
2. **One** recent colour passport size photographs (*white background*).
3. Original **passport** (with a validity of at least 3 months after the visa's expiry date and at least 2 blank pages),
4. Copy of applicant's **NRC/Identity Card** - Non-Zambian/Malawi citizens must hold a valid residence permit and exit/re-entry visa (For Refugees – **New Refugee ID Card 01.12.2000** and letter from **Home Affairs authorizing departure and re-entry into Zambia**);
5. **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 unless otherwise stated by the University/school/Institution)
6. Return **flight booking** or proof of sufficient funds for a return ticket in the case for long term visas;
7. Registration certificate (pre-enrollment) – for University students on UNIVERSITALY portal
8. Original qualification/degree or certified copy **and** the CIMEA certificate of comparability **and** verification;
9. Letter from School/College/University, addressed to the Embassy providing information on:
A. Length of course and costs - **B.** Details of payments received or scheduled – **C.** Details of fellowship and/or scholarship - **D.** Confirmation of availability of lodging within University Campus (with complete physical address) - **E.** Costs of lodging and details of payments received or scheduled
10. Proof of financial means (**Minimum** amount of EURO 6,947.33 per annum) **excluding** tuition and registration fees and costs for accommodation) – **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** as proof of available funds.
 - a. **Financial means for the intended stay.** These resources are equivalent to €6,947.33 annually. The availability of these means of support in Italy must be demonstrated by financial guarantees provided by individuals, parents (in which case an affidavit must be produced), Italian or foreign citizens or entities legally residing in Italy, or provided by reputable Italian institutions and entities, including universities, local governments, or foreign institutions and entities deemed reliable by the diplomatic mission.
 - b. **Proof of family ties with the sponsor** by means of birth certificate issued by Registrar's Office, duly legalized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - c. **Sponsor's Bank Account statements** for previous 3 months and any other form of income (i.e. from rentals, investments etc.)
 - d. **Letter from sponsor's employer** stating duration of employment and salary;
 - e. Copy of **the sponsor's passport**;
 - f. If costs are covered by the applicant: own statement, and letter from employer must be submitted;
 - g. If costs are covered by scholarship/grant from University/Institution, details of costs covered are required to determine whether it is a full or partial grant/scholarship (if partial, additional proof of funds may be necessary)
11. Proof of available lodging in Italy (if not within University Campus) including adequate funds to cover costs in addition to the above (i.e. University/School accommodation, hotel or apartment booking, invitation letter, etc.)

If student is a minor, birth certificate duly legalized and parental consent are also required

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](#)