



Embassy of Italy
Lusaka

Requirements for a STUDY VISA

- Application form: Duly completed and signed on every relevant page (free of charge);
- Photograph: One recent color photograph, ICAO format (white background);
- Original passport: Valid for at least 3 months after the expiry date of the visa and containing at least 2 blank pages;
- Identity documents: Copy of National Registration Card (NRC) or Identity Document of the applicant. *(Non-Zambian/Malawian citizens must hold a valid residence permit and an exit/re-entry visa. For refugees: New refugee identity card dated 01.12.2000 and a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs authorizing departure from and re-entry into Zambia);*
- Travel medical insurance: Valid for all Schengen countries with a minimum coverage of €30,000 for emergency hospitalization and repatriation expenses for the entire duration of the stay;
- Flight reservation: Return flight booking or proof of sufficient funds to purchase a return ticket in the case of long-term visas;
- Enrollment certificate: Pre-enrollment certificate—for university students, this must be done via the UNIVERSITALY portal;
- Academic qualifications: Original and certified copy of the educational qualification/degree, CIMEA comparability and verification certificate, or Declaration of Value (*Dichiarazione di Valore*);
- Official letter from the school/college/university: Addressed to the Embassy, providing detailed information on:
 - A. Duration and costs of the course;
 - B. Details of payments already received or scheduled;
 - C. Details of any scholarships and/or research grants;
 - D. Confirmation of accommodation availability within the university campus (including the complete physical address);
 - E. Accommodation costs and details of payments already received or scheduled;
- Proof of financial means: A minimum amount of €10,179.85 per year, excluding tuition/enrollment fees and accommodation costs. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED as proof of available funds.
 - A. Financial resources for the planned stay must equal at least €10,179.85 per year. The availability of these means of subsistence in Italy must be proven through financial guarantees provided by parents (in which case a sworn affidavit must be produced), Italian or foreign citizens, or entities legally residing in Italy. Alternatively, they can be provided by renowned Italian institutions and bodies, including universities, local governments, or foreign institutions and bodies deemed reliable by the diplomatic mission;
 - B. Proof of family ties with the sponsor via a birth certificate issued by the Registrar's Office, duly legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - C. Sponsor's bank statements for the last 3 months and any other source of income (e.g., from rentals, investments, etc.);
 - D. A letter from the sponsor's employer stating the duration of employment and salary;
 - E. A copy of the sponsor's passport;
 - F. If costs are covered by the applicant: their own bank statement and employment letter must be submitted;
 - G. If costs are covered by a University/Institution scholarship or grant: full details of the covered costs are required to determine whether it is a full or partial scholarship (if partial, additional proof of financial availability may be required);

- Proof of available accommodation in Italy: (If not staying on the university campus), including adequate funds to cover its costs in addition to the amount mentioned above (e.g., university/school accommodation, hotel or apartment booking, letter of invitation, etc.).

If the student is a minor: A duly legalized birth certificate and parental consent are also required.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Additional requests: The Visa Office reserves the right to request additional documentation and/or a subsequent interview with the applicant.
- No guarantee: The submission of all required documents does not automatically guarantee the issuance of the visa.
- Fraudulent documents: The submission of forged or falsified documents will result in the refusal of the visa; such documents will not be returned and may be forwarded to the competent local judicial authorities.
- Border control: Schengen Border Authorities have the right to request proof of requirements from all travelers and may refuse entry to visa holders.