



Consolato Generale d'Italia
Houston

ELECTIVE RESIDENCE

Please note that this type of visa **does not allow any kind of work in Italy.**

Documents check-list:

1. **Visa Application Form.** Please notice that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport). The form must be dated and signed before the VISA officer. For minor applicants, please consult appropriate link on website.
2. **Recent passport-size photograph** (2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm)), on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted.
3. **Valid passport plus 1 copy of the page with photograph and expiration date.** The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least two blank pages to affix the visa;
4. **Copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
5. **Proof of financial means:** documented and detailed guarantee of substantial and steady economic resources deriving from private income (pension or annuity), properties, stable economic and commercial activities, or other sources. Please note that this visa does not allow any sponsor or work activities in Italy. Therefore, you cannot finance your residence in Italy through any type of subordinate work. The minimum yearly income for one person is 31.000 €. For a married couple, it is 62.000 €
6. **Proof of lodging:** contract of purchase/lease of a house or an apartment in Italy
7. **Marriage certificate and birth certificates** for spouse and children (plus 1 copy of each certificate), if they are going to apply for a visa;
8. **Confirmed flight reservation;**
9. **Visa fee** (non-refundable). The Office accepts only USPS Money Order payable to the Consulate General of Italy. Other forms of payment will be rejected.
10. **Return envelope:** required in the event that applicants cannot collect the visa in person. Please provide envelope of UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICES EXPRESS MAIL or PRIORITY MAIL with a tracking number, pre-paid and self-addressed.

APPLICANTS GOING TO THE VATICAN STATE

Foreigners going to work for Entities, Institution, Departments of the Vatican State will have to provide items: # 1,2,3,4,8,9,10.

In addition :

- [Letter - certificate](#) issued by the person in charge of the organization or the department, whose signature must be authenticated by the Vatican Secretary of State , indicating the Vatican institution where the work will be performed, the availability of accommodation and the registration of the applicant in the Vatican health care system.