

# Long stay National Visa ITALIAN LANGUAGE/CULTURE COURSES

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS / REQUIREMENTS	
	Printed and completed visa application form (click <u>here</u> )
	Current passport with at least 3 months residual validity beyond the intended return date
	Hard copy of Australian driver's license or other proof of address in Victoria / Tasmania
	One passport-size photo
	Hard copy of passport's front page
	Hard-copy of valid return ticket, or proof of sufficient funds to purchase one
	Letter from the University / school in Italy confirming:  1. the applicant's enrolment 2. program commencement and completion dates 3. weekly hours of attendance The course in Italy has to be of high level (B2 or above)
	Transcript of previous studies consistent with the intended courses/subjects to be attended in Italy
	Medicare card to cover the first six months of stay under the Australia-Italy Reciprocal Health Care Agreement, and travel health insurance certificate/card covering the duration of all exceeding periods. Additionally, private insurance may also be purchased for the entire duration of the visa requested
	Hard-copy of bank statement in the applicant's name. Bank statements must record a list of bank transactions for the previous 30 days prior visa application.  Amount required is at least the equivalent of €10,000 for a visa of 365 days, or a proportional amount if staying less (i.e. €10,000/12 x number of months).  This requirement is compulsory even when all travel expenses have already been paid for. Sponsor bank statements are not accepted
	Proof of accommodation in Italy in hard copy. Accommodation must be booked in advance for the entire duration of requested visa

### PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY

## Ways to apply

Applicants are required to apply in person at the Consulate by booking an appointment from <a href="here">here</a>. Visa applications and extensions are not processed in Italy. All visa requirements are to be satisfied during the visa interview and documents must be produced in <a href="here">hard copy</a>. If you are not able to complete any part of your application form, we can help you on the day of your appointment.

#### Processing time and applications

Processing time may vary from a few hours to 15 days, depending on each case. No fast track is available. We strongly recommend to submit your application at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled departure. Applications cannot be processed earlier than 180 days prior to the departure date. If an appointment is not available for the preferred date, applicants may periodically check their booking system account to see if any earlier appointment becomes available due to other users' cancellation.

## Methods of payment

All visa fees are payable with EFPOS / Credit card. Updated fees are available from <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Residence permit

Within 8 days from entering Italy, National visa-holders need to apply for a residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) from the local Police Station (Questura). For further information click here.