

Consulate General of Italy Melbourne Long stay National Visa WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

REQUIREMENTS

Printed and completed visa application form (click <u>here</u>)

___ Must be an Australian citizen and hold an Australian passport

Aged between 18 and 35

Never obtained a WHV to Italy before

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- 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

- 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. Private insurance may also be purchased for the entire duration of the visa requested.
- ☐ Hard-copy of bank statement on the applicant's name. Bank statement must show a list of bank transactions for the previous 30 days prior visa application.

Amount required is at least the equivalent of $\leq 10,000$ for a visa of 365 days, or a proportional amount if staying less (i.e. $\leq 10,000/12$ x number of months).

This requirement is compulsory even when all travel expenses have already been paid for. Sponsor bank statements are not accepted.

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY

Ways to apply

Applicants are required to apply in person at the Consulate by booking an appointment from <u>here</u>. 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 hard copy. 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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.