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UNIFORM SCHENGEN VISA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT (PATIENTS AND ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS)

Visa Type:	Uniform Schengen Visa (type "C") or National Visa (type "D")
Duration:	up to 90 days (Schengen Visa) - from 91 to 365 (National Visa)
Entries:	1, 2 or multiple
Time limits to apply for the visa:	no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date
Time limit to conclude the procedure:	90 calendar days
Relevant regulations:	Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, article 36; Presidential Decree no. 394/1999, article 44; Legislative Decree no. 502/1992, article 12, paragraph 2, letter C); Law no. 449/1997, article 32, paragraph 15; Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, Attachment A, section 3.

OVERVIEW

The Uniform Schengen Visa for medical treatment allows entry for a short or long-term stay, but always for a fixed period, to a foreigner who needs to undergo medical treatments exclusively at public or accredited private Italian healthcare institutions.

The Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.

The passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted, taking into consideration that the whole procedure may be extended up to 90 calendar days.

ONLY applicants holding a valid UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions) can submit their applications to the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi. The appointments must be booked by contacting the Visa Office of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi by e-mail (visa.abudhabi@esteri.it). Holders of UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Dubai/Northern Emirates have to refer to the Consulate General of Italy in Dubai.

With regard to GCC citizens, since they do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, their residence within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi can be proved through the Emirates ID, if "Abu Dhabi", "Al Ain" or "al Dhafra" are mentioned as "Issuing Authority".

If the issuing Authority is not mentioned on the Emirates ID, GCC citizens can prove to reside with the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the below-listed documents:

- Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- *Tawtheeq* tenancy contract or property deed attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, together with the last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name.

If the GCC citizen does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member must be submitted.

Applicants are strongly advised to comply strictly with the instructions mentioned in this checklist by submitting all the documents listed below in order to avoid the issuance of the final refusal decision. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.

It must be noted that the Embassy reserves the right to invite the applicant for a personal interview and/or to request additional documents if needed to properly process the application.

The visa for medical treatment, in the presence of adequate financial means of support, may also be issued to specialized personnel accompanying the patient, or to family members assisting him/her.

If the applicant needs to visit a physician in Italy for either one simple medical consultation or occasional ones scheduled over a long period of time, he/she has to apply for a Uniform Schengen Visa for tourism by booking the appointment through the BLS International website.

If the applicant needs to undergo experimental therapeutic treatments, the head of the healthcare facility will be required to sign a declaration attesting, under his own responsibility, that the experimental treatment complies with all the rules and meets the requirements pursuant to the



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current legislation in force (Legislative Decree no. 211/2003 and Law no. 189/2012), and that the related expenses are not borne by the national health service. The name of the Body/ Authority bearing the due financial expenses must be mentioned.

1	Application form to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant. <i>In case of minors, the form must be signed by both the parents.</i>
2	No. 1 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
3	Original passport. • The passport shall be not older than 10 years. • The passport shall be valid at least 90 days from the date of expiry of the requested visa. • The passport shall contain two blank opposite pages at least.
4	Photocopy of the original passport.
5	Photocopy of the UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions) and valid at least 90 days from the intended return date. <i>With regard to GCC citizens, since they do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, their residence within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi can be proved through the Emirates ID, if "Abu Dhabi", "Al Ain" or "al Dhafra" are mentioned as "Issuing Authority".</i> <i>If the issuing Authority is not mentioned on the Emirates ID, GCC citizens can prove to reside with the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the below-listed documents:</i> • Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; • Tawtheeq tenancy contract or property deed attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, together with the last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name. <i>If the GCC citizen does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member must be submitted.</i>
6	Photocopies of previous Schengen, USA, Canada, Japan, UK visas.
7	Declaration issued by the Healthcare Facility/Authority accredited in Italy. <i>The declaration must be addressed to the Visa Office of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi and sent by the Healthcare Facility/Authority itself through certified e-mail to amb.abudhabi@cert.esteri.it, stating the following:</i> • patient's personal data; • the kind of treatment to be provided; • the duration of the treatment; • the cost of the treatment and the details of the natural person/legal entity bearing all the costs. In particular, the Healthcare Facility/Authority must attest that the costs will not be borne by the National Healthcare Service.
8	Declaration issued by the Healthcare Facility/Authority accredited in Italy, attesting the payment of a security deposit of 30% of the total cost of the treatment. <i>The declaration must be addressed to the Visa Office of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi and sent by the Healthcare Facility/Authority itself through certified e-mail to amb.abudhabi@cert.esteri.it.</i>
9	Medical documentation issued by the Healthcare Facility/Authority accredited in the UAE (such as medical reports, laboratory analysis, etc...) attesting the kind of treatment needed. If the treatment can not be provided in the UAE, it must be attested by the Healthcare Facility/Authority accredited in the UAE.
10	Documents attesting the identity of the donor, in case of transplants.



11	No-Objection Certificate originally signed by the local sponsor (as mentioned in the UAE Residence Visa). <i>If the applicant works in the UAE, the following must be submitted:</i> • NOC to be issued and originally signed by his/her sponsoring employer as shown in the UAE Residence Visa, stating as follows: – Name and designation of the applicant; – Name, designation and contact of the managerial signatory; – Applicant's monthly salary and starting date of employment; – No objection to travel to Italy; – Expected date to resume duties. • Photocopy of passport, UAE Residence Visa and Emirates ID of the person who has signed the NOC. <i>If the applicant is partner in a local company, the following must be submitted:</i> • NOC to be issued and originally signed by the local partner as mentioned in the company's trade license, stating as follows: – Name and designation of the applicant; – Name, designation and contact of the local partner; – Applicant's monthly salary and starting date of partnership; – No objection to travel to Italy; – Expected date to resume duties. • Photocopy of passport, UAE Residence Visa and Emirates ID of the person who has signed the NOC; • Photocopy of the company's trade license. <i>If the applicant is unemployed and is sponsored by a family member as shown on the UAE Residence Visa, the following must be submitted:</i> • NOC to be issued and signed by the sponsor, stating as follows: – Name of the applicant; – Name and contact details of the person signing the NOC; – Kinship relationship; – Attestation to personally bear all the expenses related to the trip; – Expected date of return to the UAE. • Kinships certificate such as marriage certificate and/or birth certificate to be legally translated into Italian or English language by a legal translator recognized in the UAE; • Photocopy of passport, UAE Residence Visa and Emirates ID of the person who has signed the NOC. Important: <u>applicants cannot sign the NOC by themselves.</u>
12	Proof of adequate financial means. <i>In case the applicant works in the UAE, the following is required:</i> • Last three-month updated bank statement of the personal account in which the salary is received. If the applicant is an investor as a partner in a local company, the company's trade license is required in addition to both the personal and corporate bank statements. All the bank statements must be printed out on a bank letterhead and bear the original stamp of the bank; • Employment and salary certificate to be originally signed by the employer. If the applicant is an investor as a partner in a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner; • Pay slips of the last 3 months originally stamped and signed. • Any other document to support the evidence of adequate means of subsistence during the intended stay (such as additional bank account statements).



	<i>In case the applicant is sponsored by a family member as per the UAE Residence Visa, the following is required:</i> • Last three-month updated bank statement of the personal account in which the salary of the sponsoring family member is received. If the sponsoring family member is an investor as a partner in a local company, the company's trade license is required in addition to both the personal and corporate bank statements. All the bank statements must be printed out on a bank letterhead and bear the original stamp of the bank; • Employment and salary certificate of the sponsoring family member originally signed and stamped. If the sponsoring family member is an investor as a partner in a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner; • Pay slips of the last 3 months originally stamped and signed. Important: <u>only bank statements issued by banks located in the UAE are accepted.</u>
13	Photocopy of medical travel insurance certificate covering the whole period of stay in the Schengen Area. <i>The insurance policy is required to provide a minimum coverage of 30.000 euro, valid throughout the Schengen area, for emergency hospitalization and repatriation for medical reason, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death and repatriation of mortal remains.</i>
14	Proof of accommodation. <i>The accommodation can be proved as follows:</i> • Confirmed official hotel booking; • Invitation to lodge at the private accommodation of a citizen (Italian or foreigner) legally resident in Italy (see for reference the Invitation Form Private Accommodation). In this case, photocopies of the host's passport and signed tenancy contract or property deed, both duly legalized by the competent Italian Authorities, shall be submitted. <i>If the applicant intends to travel also to other Schengen States in addition to Italy, based on the declarations made in the cover letter, the proof of accommodation, such as confirmed hotel bookings in each State to be visited, shall be submitted.</i> <i>If the applicant is a minor, his/her full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents'.</i>
15	Round-trip flight booking. <i>If the applicant is a minor, his/her full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents' full names.</i> <i>If the applicant intends to travel also to other Schengen States in addition to Italy, based on the declarations made in the cover letter, flight/train bookings related to the trips to the other States shall be submitted.</i> <u>IMPORTANT: the Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.</u>
16	If the applicant is a minor (below the age of 18), the following is required: • Photocopy of passport and UAE Residence Visa of both the parents (or legal guardians). • No-Objection Certificate originally signed by both the parents. The NOC must detail purpose of the trip, destination, itinerary and exact dates. • If only one of the parents travels with the minor, the other parent who will stay in the UAE, after having submitted the application at the BLS, is requested to proceed as follows: – Contact the Visa Office by e-mail (visa.abudhabi@esteri.it) and ask for an appointment at the Embassy; – Fill in and sign a Consent Form in the presence of a Visa Officer in charge at the Embassy; – Get the signature on the Form legalized by the Officer in charge at the Embassy. – If the parent not accompanying the minor lives abroad, he/she must contact the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the State where he/she resides in order to fill in and sign the same Consent Form in the presence of the Officer in charge and get his/her signature legalized. In this case a photocopy of the Form legalized by the Consulate/Embassy will be accepted. – If the parent not accompanying the minor passed away, the death certificate must be submitted. Death certificates must be either apostilled pursuant to the 1961 Apostille Convention or duly legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the State where the death certificate was issued. • Photocopied and original birth certificate bearing names of both the parents, duly legalized by the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The certificate must be legally translated into Italian or English language by a legal translator attested in the UAE. No birth certificate is required if the full



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name of both parents/legal guardians are mentioned (in English) in the applicant's passport.

- Minor's full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents'/adults' full names.*

Important: originals and/or certified copies will be returned if a copy is provided.

DECLARATION:

I understand that failing in submitting a complete set of ALL the above-listed documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.

I understand that the Embassy of Italy reserves the right to request additional documents whether needed to properly process the application.

I understand that the time needed to process my visa application might be extended up to 90 calendar days, and the passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted.

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read the [information on the protection of personal data concerning the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and in the Schengen Area \(General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR \(EU\) 2016/679, art.13\)](#) available on the website [of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi](#).

Initials:

E-mail address (capital letters)

Mobile number

Place and date

**Applicant's signature
(parents' signatures in case of minors)**