



SELF-EMPLOYMENT VISA

Visa Type:	Uniform Schengen Visa (type "C") or National Visa (type "D");
Duration:	up to 90 days (Uniform Schengen Visa - type "C") or from 91 to 365 days (National Visa - type "D");
Number of 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:	120 calendar days
Relevant regulations:	Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, articles 3, 5, 21, 26, and 27 Presidential Decree no. 394/1999, articles 29, 39, and 40 Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, Attachment A, section 7 Migration flows decree published on yearly basis

OVERVIEW

The D-Type National Visa for self-employment allows the foreigner to enter Italy for short or long-term stay aimed at carrying out non-subordinate work activities.

The visa may be issued referring to the quotas and categories of professions pursuant to the migration flows decree published on yearly basis which sets out the number of foreigners who can enter Italy for work purposes, including entries for self-employment activities, while the out-of-quota entries, pursuant to art. 27, paragraph 1, letters a, b, c, d, of the Legislative Decree 286/1998, are just exceptional.

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 by the BLS International's Staff. Furthermore, it must be noted that any fees paid to book the appointment will not be reimbursed.

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 120 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, they can prove to reside/live within 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 applicant 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.

A. Entries within the quotas pursuant to the migration flows decree

The Migration Flows Decree sets out the self-employment entries within the quotas only and exclusively with regards to the below-listed five categories:

1. Entrepreneurs

With regard to entrepreneurs, the visa can only be issued if the planned activity can be deemed of interest to the Italian economy. The Prime Minister's Decree dated 12th March 2019 sets out certain reference parameters for determining "the interest for the national economy". The visa applicant who intends to launch a business activity in Italy shall submit his/her business plan, proving to own legitimate resources of not less than Euro 500.000,00 for the investment projects. He / she must as well give evidence to create at least three new job opportunities, based on the investment plan to be submitted.

2. Freelancers



The category of freelancers is limited exclusively to the below-mentioned:

- freelancers who intend to perform supervised and regulated professions;
- freelancers who intend to perform not regulated professions, represented at a national level by trade associations registered in lists kept by Italian Government Authorities. Such associations shall issue a certificate stating the quality of the services and the professional qualifications of the members.

The list of associations of non-regulated professions (considered representative on the basis of the requirements set out in art. 26, paragraph 3 of the Legislative Decree no. 206/2007) as well as the list of regulated and supervised professions (related to an association of regulated profession or a professional roll) are both available on the website of the Italian Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, while the list of healthcare professions is available on the website of the Italian Ministry of Health.

The following must be noted:

- with regard to entry requests for non-regulated professions, the foreigner must meet the requirements set out in Italy by the trade association registered in the appropriate list. The foreigner must prove that there are no impeding reasons, besides the ordinary requirements pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011;
- with regard to entry requests for regulated and supervised professions, related to a professional association, order or roll, the visa can be issued if the foreigner fulfills the provisions pursuant to art. 37 of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998 and meets the requirements pursuant to articles 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the Presidential Decree no. 394/1999;
- with regard to healthcare professions, physicians and socio-health workers must prove to be accredited/licensed in their country of origin/residence or registered in the related professional registers/associations/rolls.

3. Directors and managers in existing non-cooperative companies already in business for at least three years

Pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, directors and managers in existing non-cooperative companies already in business for at least three years (joint stock companies, limited liability companies or limited partnerships) are the following: president, member of the board of directors, CEO/MD and auditor. In such cases, instead of the documents attesting the reference parameters regarding the financial resources, the following documents shall be submitted:

- certificate of registration of the company in the business register;
- copy of a formal declaration made by the legal representative of the company addressed to the Territorial Labor Directorate certifying that no subordinate employment relationship will be established with the applicant.

4. Renowned or highly qualified artists

The self-employment visa can be issued to well renowned or highly qualified foreign artists (artists or ensembles engaged by renowned theatrical organizations, the RAI, renowned private TV broadcasters or public bodies of particular importance) and the following documents shall be submitted pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011:

- copy of the self-employment agreement which guarantees a higher remuneration than that provided for by national contracts for dependent workers with similar qualifications;
- copy of a formal declaration made by the legal representative of the organization, addressed to the Territorial Labor Directorate certifying that no employment relationship will be established with the artist. As for employees in circuses or travelling shows, the declaration must be addressed to the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Policies;
- no-objection of the competent Police Headquarters (*Questura*);
- proof of accommodation (hotel booking or rental agreement).

Short-term self-employment visas of less than 90 days may be issued outside the quotas, with the sole submission of a copy of the self-employment agreement.

5. Innovative start-ups

Foreign citizens who intend to launch innovative start-ups, provided that they meet the requirements pursuant to the Law no. 221/2012 and are in an independent employment relationship with the start-up company, shall submit the following documents:

- no-objection (*nulla osta*) of the “Italia Startup Visa” Technical Committee, established at the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy. This Committee is in charge of assessing innovative startup projects submitted by extra-EU citizens and of attesting that the requirements are met in relation to the parameters of reference required for new entries of foreign citizens aimed at setting up innovative startups. In the framework of the assessment, applicants will be asked to fill in a form (downloadable from the website italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it), providing their educational and professional attestations as well as detailed information regarding the business idea and model, the type of product or service to be developed and the target market;
- documents attesting the availability of financial resources to be invested in the innovative start-up for no less than Euro 50.000,00. These resources may include financing granted by venture capital funds or other investors, the investor’s own funds,



financing obtained through the capital raising portals pursuant to the Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 (equity crowdfunding portals), other financing issued by Italian or foreign governmental or non-governmental bodies, or a combination of the aforementioned categories;

- in the event that a certified incubator can welcome the extra-EU citizen to its facilities for the establishment of an innovative Start-up, and this availability is certified and attested through a declaration of commitment signed by the legal representative of the certified incubator (form downloadable from the website italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it), this declaration is deemed sufficient for the Committee to issue the no-objection. However, the applicant is required to provide the Committee with documents certifying the financial resources as referred above;
- proof of suitable accommodation, including hotel booking, rental agreement or declaration of hospitality;
- proof of having held an income from lawful sources, during the last year in the country of origin/residence, higher than the minimum level set by law for the exemption from participating in the healthcare spending.

Foreign athletes engaged to carry out self-employment activities may obtain the entry visa only upon submission of the declaration of consent issued by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), together with the no-objection issued by the competent Police Headquarters (*Questura*), attesting that the activity is a self-employment one. In this case the self-employment visa will be issued outside the quotas set out by the Migration Flows Decree, but within the quotas set through decree by the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities (art. 27, paragraph 5-bis of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998).

B. Out-of-quota entries

Out-of-quota entries for self-employment are permitted in favor of the following categories, pursuant to art. 27, paragraph 1, letters a), b), c), d), of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998:

- a) managers or highly specialized personnel of companies headquartered or having branches in Italy, or personnel of representative offices of foreign companies whose main place of business is located in the territory of a member state of the World Trade Organization, or managers of Italian companies or other EU companies headquartered in Italy;
- b) university foreign language assistants for language exchange or native speakers;
- c) university professors who will hold an academic role in Italy;
- d) translators and interpreters.

The Territorial Labor Directorate (*DTL*) is competent in the merit assessment with regard to the content and form of the agreement. The visa may be issued only based on a favorable verdict of the Directorate on the contract, attesting that according to the outline of the agreement no subordinate employment will take place.

The *DTL* certificate is mandatory for the purposes of granting the self-employment visa, in addition to the documents required pursuant to Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011 (in particular: suitable accommodation to be documented by submitting a hotel booking, or a declaration made by the counterparty attesting to provide the applicant with a suitable accommodation; provisional no-objection issued by the Police Headquarters (*Questura*); and income from lawful sources of an amount higher than the minimum level set by law for exemption from participation in healthcare costs, currently equal to euro 8.500,00).

C. Out-of-quota entries for self-employment/entertainment for less than 90 days

Self-employment short-term visas (up to 90 days) are issued outside the quotas to foreign artists who have to carry out self-employment activities for less than 90 days pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 4, of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998. The visa holder cannot carry out activities for a show producer or client other than the one for which the visa was issued (art. 40, paragraph of the 15 Presidential Decree no. 394/99). Consistently with the provisions for entries within the quotas of the “artists” category for long stays, as referred to in the migration flows decree, the short-term visa for “self-employment/entertainment” (C type) is granted only to artists considered to be renowned or highly qualified, or artists who will perform for renowned theaters, important public bodies, public TV broadcasting stations or well-known private TV stations of national importance. Artists who intend to stay for less than 90 days shall submit the agreement.

CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR ENTREPRENEURS *(Entries within the quotas)*

1	Application form for D-type National Visa to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant.
2	No. 1 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
3	Original passport.



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	- 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, taking into consideration that a D-type National Visa valid 365 days will be issued. - 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). With regards to GCC nationals who do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, they can prove to reside/live 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, attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, or property deed, together with the last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name. If the applicant 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.
6	Business plan. The business plan must include an investment of at least Euro 500.000,00 (to be proved to come directly from own financial means and to have been legally earned), as well as it must be aimed at creating at least three new job opportunities.
7	No-impediment declaration issued by the competent administrative Authority in Italy (for activities subject to licenses, authorizations or registration in special registers). If the foreigner intends to carry out activities in Italy which are subject to administrative requirements such as authorizations, licenses or registration in a specific register of professions, he/she is required to request the competent administrative Authority to issue a no-impediment declaration to the issuance of the due authorizations. The date of the declaration must not be older than three months.
8	Certificate of availability of all the financial means needed to implement the intended business/commercial/craft activity, issued by the competent Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts. The certificate must be issued by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts competent in the district where the activity will be performed, or by the competent professional association. Such financial means must not amount to less than three times the value of the so-called "social check" pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011 (as of 2016, the triple is equal to Euro 17.492,00). The date of the certification must not be older than three months. Furthermore, economic availability in Italy must be proved, able to guarantee the amount of the necessary resources referred to in the certificate.
9	Temporary no-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) to the self-employment issued by the territorially competent Police Headquarters (<i>Questura</i>), not older than three months.
10	Proof of constant revenue gained on yearly basis in the United Arab Emirates, whose amount must not be less than Euro 8.500,00 as needed to participate to social health contribution. Note: bank guarantees and surety policies are not accepted. Only revenues in dirhams or euros can be deemed reliable, proved by official documents issued by financial Authorities located in the United Arab Emirates. The documents must be submitted in original and duly stamped by the issuing Authority.
11	Photocopy of medical travel insurance certificate covering the first six months of stay at least. 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 reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death and repatriation of mortal remains.
12	Proof of appropriate accommodation. The availability of an appropriate accommodation can be proved as follows: - Rental contract of a residential property, legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality; - Property deed legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality; - 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 Italian ID, as well as signed tenancy contract or property deed,



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	<i>both duly legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality, shall be submitted.</i>
13	Flight booking. <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 by the BLS International's Staff. Furthermore, it must be noted that any fees paid to book the appointment will not be reimbursed.</u>

DECLARATION:

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

I understand that the time needed to process my visa application might be extended up to 120 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:
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Place and date	Applicant's signature

CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR FREELANCERS

(Entries within the quotas)

1	Application form for D-type National Visa to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant.
2	No. 2 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
3	Original passport. <i>The passport shall be not older than 10 years.</i> <i>The passport shall be valid at least 90 days from the date of expiry of the requested visa, taking into consideration that a D-type National Visa valid 365 days will be issued.</i> <i>The passport shall contain two blank opposite pages at least.</i>
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). <i>With regards to GCC nationals who do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, they can prove to reside/live with the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the below-listed documents:</i> <i>Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;</i> <i>Tawtheeq tenancy contract attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi or property deed, as well as last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name.</i> <i>If the applicant 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	No-impediment declaration issued by the competent administrative Authority in Italy (for activities subject to licenses, authorizations or registration in special registers). <i>If the foreigner intends to carry out activities in Italy which are subject to administrative requirements such as authorizations, licenses or registration in a specific register of professions, he/she is required to request the competent administrative Authority a no-impediment declaration</i>



	to the issuance of the due authorizations. The date of the declaration must not be older than three months.
7	Documents proving the registration of the applicant in an association of non-regulated professions or in an association of regulated profession or a professional roll. - The freelancer who intended to perform a <u>non-regulated profession</u> must submit documents issued by the related association attesting that he/she is registered in the association and meets the requirements to perform the activities, besides meeting the ordinary requirements pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011. Furthermore, proof of registration of the association in a list handled by the Italian Public Administration; - The freelancer who intended to perform a <u>regulated and supervised profession</u> must submit documents issued by the related association of regulated profession or the professional roll attesting that he/she is registered in the association/roll and meets the requirements to perform the activities. Furthermore, it must be attested that the applicant has fulfilled the provisions pursuant to art. 37 of the Legislative Decree no. 286/1998 and has met the requirements pursuant to articles 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the Presidential Decree no. 394/1999; - The freelancer who intend to perform a <u>healthcare profession</u> must prove to be accredited/licensed in their country of origin/residence or registered in the related professional registers.
8	Certificate of availability of all the financial means needed to implement the intended business/commercial/craft activity, issued by the competent Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts. The certificate must be issued by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts competent in the district where the activity will be performed, or by the competent professional association. Such financial means must not be inferior to three times the value of the so-called "social check" pursuant to the Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011 (as of 2016, the triple is equal to Euro 17.492,00). The date of the certification must not be older than three months. Furthermore, a sufficient economic availability in Italy must also be proved to guarantee the amount of the necessary resources referred to in the certificate.
9	Temporary no-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) to the self-employment issued by the territorially competent Police Headquarters (<i>Questura</i>), not older than three months.
10	Proof of revenues gained on yearly basis in the United Arab Emirates, whose amount must not be less than Euro 8.500,00 as needed to participate to social health contribution. Note: bank guarantees and surety policies are not accepted. Only revenues in dirham or euro can be taken into consideration as reliable, proved through official documents issued by financial Authorities located in the United Arab Emirates. The documents must be submitted original and duly stamped by the issuing Authority.
11	Photocopy of medical travel insurance certificate covering the first six months of stay at least. 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 reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death and repatriation of mortal remains.
12	Proof of appropriate accommodation. The availability of an appropriate accommodation can be proved as follows: - Rental contract of a residential property, legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality; - Property deed legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality; - 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 Italian ID, as well as signed tenancy contract or property deed, both duly legalized by a notary public accredited in Italy or by the competent Municipality, shall be submitted.
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CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS IN EXISTING NON-COOPERATIVE COMPANIES (Entries within the quotas)

1	Application form for D-type National Visa to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant.
2	No. 2 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, taking into consideration that a D-type National Visa valid 365 days will be issued. - The passport shall contain two blank opposite pages at least.
4	Photocopy of the original passport.
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6	Certificate of registration of the Company in the Chamber of Commerce. <i>The certificate must include the name of the visa applicant, proving that he/she holds one of the following positions: a) president; b) member of the board of directors; c) managing director; d) accounting auditor. The certificate must also mention if the Company consists in a joint stock company, a limited liability company or a limited partnership with share.</i>
7	Certificate of registration of the Company in the Businesses Register ("Registro delle Imprese") as "active" since three years at least.
8	Photocopy of the financial statement of the Company registered in the Business Register (for limited companies only) or photocopy of the last individual income tax return (for natural persons or sole proprietorship only) proving that revenues or salaries suffice to cover allowances.
9	Declaration signed by the Company's legal representative.



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	<i>The declaration must attest the role of the applicant in the Company and ensuring in favour of the applicant a salary exceeding the minimum level required by law for the exemption from participation in health care expenses (€ 8.500,00). Photocopies of passport and Italian ID of the legal representative must be submitted.</i>
10	Temporary no-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) to the self-employment issued by the territorially competent Police Headquarters (<i>Questura</i>), not older than three months.
11	Proof of revenues gained on yearly basis in the United Arab Emirates, whose amount must not be less than Euro 8.500,00 as needed to participate to social health contribution. Note: bank guarantees and surety policies are not accepted. Only revenues in dirham or euro can be taken into consideration as reliable, proved through official documents issued by financial Authorities located in the United Arab Emirates. The documents must be submitted original and duly stamped by the issuing Authority.
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CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR RENOWNED OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED ARTISTS
(Entries within the quotas)

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6	All the possible documents giving evidence that the applicant is a renowned or highly qualified artist.
7	Photocopy of the self-employment agreement which guarantees a remuneration which is higher than that provided for by national contracts for dependent workers with similar qualifications. The agreement must bear the signature of a manager, licensee, producer or a legal representative duly authenticated.
8	Photocopy of a formal declaration made by the legal representative of the organization addressed to the Territorial Labor Directorate certifying that no employment relationship will be established with the artist, while with regards to employees in circuses or travelling shows the declaration must be addressed to the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Policies;
9	Temporary no-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) to the self-employment issued by the territorially competent Police Headquarters (<i>Questura</i>), not older than three months.
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CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR INNOVATIVE START-UPS *(Entries within the quotas)*

1	Application form for D-type National Visa to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant.
2	No. 2 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
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6	No-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) of the "Italia Startup Visa" Technical Committee. <i>The "Italia Startup Visa" Technical Committee is established at the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy and is in charge of assessing innovative startup projects submitted by extra-EU citizens. The no-objection is aimed at attesting that the requirements are met in relation to the parameters of reference required for new entries of foreign citizens aimed at setting up innovative startups. In the framework of the assessment, applicants will be asked to fill in a form (downloadable from the website italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it), providing their educational and professional attestations as well as detailed information regarding the idea and business model, type of product or service to be developed, target market. Both the form submitted by the applicant and the no-objection shall be submitted for the visa application.</i>
7	Proof of financial resources. <i>Documents proving financial resources to be invested in the innovative start-up for no less than Euro 50.000,00 shall be submitted. These resources may include financing granted by venture capital funds or other investors, the investor's own funds, financing obtained through the capital raising portals pursuant to the Legislative Decree no. 58/1998 (equity crowdfunding portals), other financing issued by Italian or foreign governmental or non-governmental bodies, or a combination of the aforementioned categories.</i>



8	Declaration of commitment by the certified incubator. <i>In the event that a certified incubator can welcome the extra-EU citizen to its facilities for the establishment of an innovative Start-up, and this availability is certified and attested through a declaration of commitment signed by the legal representative of the certified incubator (form downloadable from the website italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it), this declaration is deemed sufficient for issuing the Committee no-objection. However, the applicant is required to provide the Committee with documents certifying the financial resources as referred above.</i>
9	Temporary no-objection (<i>nulla osta</i>) to the self-employment issued by the territorially competent Police Headquarters (<i>Questura</i>), not older than three months.
10	Proof of constant revenue gained on yearly basis in the United Arab Emirates, whose amount must not be less than Euro 8.500,00 as needed to participate to social health contribution. Note: <u>bank guarantees and surety policies are not accepted. Only revenues in dirham or euro can be taken into consideration as reliable, proved through official documents issued by financial Authorities located in the United Arab Emirates. The documents must be submitted original and duly stamped by the issuing Authority.</u>
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CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR OUT-OF-QUOTA ENTRIES
(all the categories)

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6	Photocopy of the self-employment agreement between the applicant and the company/business branch/organization/university.
7	Certificate issued by the Territorial Labor Directorate (DTL) approving the self-employment agreement and attesting that no subordinate employment will take place.
8	Proof of constant revenue gained on yearly basis in the United Arab Emirates, whose amount must not be less than Euro 8.500,00 as needed to participate to social health contribution. <u>Note: bank guarantees and surety policies are not accepted. Only revenues in dirham or euro can be taken into consideration as reliable, proved through official documents issued by financial Authorities located in the United Arab Emirates. The documents must be submitted original and duly stamped by the issuing Authority.</u>
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6	Cover letter originally signed by the applicant detailing purpose of trip, duration of stay, dates and travel itinerary.
7	All the possible documents giving evidence that the applicant is a renowned or highly qualified artist.
8	Photocopy of the self-employment agreement. <i>The agreement must bear the signature of a manager, licensee, producer or a legal representative duly authenticated.</i>
9	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> <i>NOC to be issued and originally signed by his/her sponsoring employer as shown in the UAE Residence Visa, stating as follows:</i> <i>– Name and designation of the applicant;</i>



	– 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. See for reference the <u>Template-Sponsor-Letter-Tourism-Company</u> If the applicant is partner in a local company, the following must be submitted: • 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. If the applicant is unemployed and is sponsored by a family member as shown on the UAE Residence Visa, the following must be submitted: • 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>
10	Proof of adequate financial means. In case the applicant works in the UAE, the following is required: • 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 account bank statements). In case the applicant is sponsored by a family member as per the UAE Residence Visa, the following is required: • 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 in an investor as a partner in a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner;



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