



**Ambasciata d'Italia
Abu Dhabi - Emirati Arabi Uniti**

CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS VISA

1	Application form for Schengen Visa or 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. <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.</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/AI Ain and valid at least 90 days from the intended return date. The Sponsor mentioned in the UAE Residence Visa must be a local religious Body/Authority.
6	Documents to be provided by the local religious Authority/Body sponsoring the applicant: <i>Original no-impediment letter mentioning:</i> <i>name and designation of the applicant;</i> <i>name, designation and contact of the managerial signatory;</i> <i>applicant's monthly salary and employment starting date;</i> <i>no-impediment to the trip;</i> <i>purpose of the trip and detailed information regarding the event the applicant shall attend and/or the activities shall perform. The applicant can travel to Italy only to attend religious events and/or perform religious activities;</i> <i>period of the intended stay in Italy and expected date to resume duties;</i> <i>declaration of taking charge of all the expenses related to the trip and the stay in Italy, in case the inviting Body/Authority does not bear all the expenses;</i> <i>photocopy of passport, UAE Residence Visa and Emirates ID of the signatory.</i> <i>Photocopy of documents proving that the religious Body/Authority is accredited by the UAE local/federal Authorities.</i> <u>Important: applicants cannot sign the no-impediment letter by themselves.</u>
7	Documents to be provided by the Italian host religious Body/Authority: <i>invitation letter in Italian, providing detailed information regarding the religious event and/or the activities;</i> <i>declaration of taking charge of all the expenses related to the trip and the stay in Italy;</i> <i>photocopy of the passport and ID card of the person who signed the invitation letter.</i>
8	Proof of adequate financial means. <i>last three-month bank statement of both personal current and savings account on a bank letterhead. Photocopies or online statements will be accepted with original bank stamp. If the applicant is an investor as partner of a local company, he/she has to provide the bank statement of the company as well, together with the trade license;</i> <i>pay slips of the last 3 months.</i>

9	Medical travel insurance <i>The medical insurance must cover the Schengen Area for the patient and whoever accompanies him/her, with minimum coverage of euro 30.000,00 inclusive of emergency repatriation flight and repatriation of mortal remains. The insurance policy must be issued by an insurance company based in the UAE.</i>
10	Proof of accommodation, such as confirmed hotel booking.
11	Flight booking.
NOTE	The passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted. This Embassy reserves the rights to ask for a personal interview and/or additional documents. If the host Body/Authority has not stipulated an agreement with the Italian Government or is not included in the list of the religious Authorities/Organizations holding legal status as per the Italian law, the Embassy shall request the competent Italian Government Authorities the no-impediment to issue the visa.

DECLARATION:

I understand that an application without a complete set of documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. The submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of a visa.

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
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