



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

WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

The Working Holiday Visa permits citizens of those Countries which have stipulated a working holiday agreement with the Italian Government to enter Italy for a long-term holiday during which they can financially support themselves by performing work activities. The main prerequisite to issue a Working Holiday Visa is the existence of a bilateral agreement between the Italian Government and the Government of the foreign State. The Italian Government has hitherto stipulated bilateral working holiday agreements with the Governments of New Zealand, Canada, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea [m1][m2] (the latter agreement entered into force in 2012 and elevated to the rank of an international treaty, derogating from the regulatory legislation and allowing South Korean citizens to work in Italy for a period of six months, even with the same employer).

Before the applicant submits his/her visa application, the employer in Italy is required to request the competent Immigration Office the No-Impediment (Nulla Osta) to issue the Working Holiday Visa. The Immigration Office shall send the No-Impediment to the Visa Office of the competent Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the State where the applicant resides through the IT system.

The general conditions and requirements to apply for the Working Holiday Visa are the following:

1. Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years old on the date of submission of the visa (except Canadians [m3] and Australians who must be between 18 and 35 years old) and have no dependent children;
2. The Working Holiday Visa cannot be issued more than once to the same person;
3. The work activity must be occasional and shall be performed for a maximum period of 6 months during a stay of 12 months, and for no more than 3 months with the same employer, except for South Koreans who are allowed to work for the same employer up to 6 months.

After having received the No-Impediment by the Immigration Office, the Visa Office will invite the applicant to submit the visa application and the below-listed documents:

4. Application form to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant;
5. No. 1 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background;
6. 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;
7. Photocopy of the original passport;
8. Photocopy of the UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi/AI Ain. If the applicant holds a UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Dubai or any of the Northern Emirates, in order to apply at the Embassy in Abu Dhabi, documents proving that he/she lives and/or works at least in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are required, such as the tenancy contract and the letter of the employer;
9. Photocopies of previous Schengen, USA, Canada, Japan, UK visas;
10. No-impediment letter issued by the sponsor in the UAE.
 - If the applicant works in the UAE and is sponsored by the employer, the letter must be signed by the employer, who has to authorize the trip of the applicant to Italy for working holiday, as well as he/she has to assure the re-entry of the applicant to the UAE.
 - If the applicant does not work in the UAE and is sponsored by one of his/her parents, the letter must be signed by the sponsoring parent, who has to authorize the trip of the applicant to Italy, as well as he has to attest to bear all the expenses related to his/her stay in Italy and assure his/her return to the UAE.
11. Photocopies of the sponsor's passport and UAE Residence Visa, in case the sponsor is one of the parents or another legal person;
12. Proof of adequate financial means.

The applicant must prove to possess adequate financial means through personal or parental financial guarantees (bank statements issued by banks located in the UAE). Bank guarantees, cash or guarantees provided by third parties are not acceptable.

In case the applicant works in the UAE, the following is required:

- 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;
- Employment and salary certificate;
- Pay slips of the last 3 months.

In case the applicant does not work in the UAE, the following is required:

- Last three-month bank statement of both personal current and savings account of the sponsoring parent/spouse on a bank letterhead. Photocopies or online statements will be accepted with original bank stamp. If the sponsoring parent/spouse is an investor as partner of a local company, the bank statement of the company is required as well, together with the trade license;
- Employment and salary certificate of the sponsoring parent. If the sponsoring parent is an investor as partner of a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner;

- *Pay slips of the last 3 months.*
- 13. Medical travel insurance, at least for the first month of stay, which must cover the Schengen Area, 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;
- 14. Proof of accommodation, such as confirmed hotel booking and/or invitation to private accommodation;
- 15. Flight booking.

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:

Place and date

Applicant's signature