



ELECTIVE RESIDENCE VISA

Visa Type:	National Visa (type "D")
Duration:	from 91 to 365 days
Entries:	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:	Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, Attachment A, section 13

OVERVIEW

The elective residence visa allows entry into the national territory to foreigners who intend to settle down in Italy, temporarily or permanently, and are able to support themselves independently. It is aimed at permitting foreigners with high income and assets to transfer their residence to Italy.

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 apply at the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi. Although the EU family member holds a UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi or is registered in the Register of Italians living abroad (A.I.R.E.) in Abu Dhabi, the residence of the foreign citizen is always taken into consideration.

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 Emirates ID (front and back), showing Abu Dhabi/Al Ain/Al Dhafra as the place of issue. If the place of issue is not mentioned on the Emirate ID, the below-listed documents shall be submitted:

- 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 applying for the visa does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the Emirates ID or the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member shall be submitted.

The time limit to conclude the procedure is 90 days, which may be suspended in case the Embassy requests foreign Authorities to provide data or documents which are deemed necessary for the conclusion of the procedure, pursuant to art. 6, paragraph 3, of the Ministerial Decree no. 171/1995. In this case the time limit to conclude the procedure is suspended until the Embassy receives the response from the competent foreign Authorities.

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 applicant must prove to possess economic resources three times the annual amount provided for in "Table A" of the Directive of the Ministry of Interior dated 01st March 2000 (approximately 31,000.00 euros), consisting in substantial incomes deriving from life annuities, pensions, securities and personally owned real estate, as well as substantial incomes from personally held stable entrepreneurial and commercial activities. Sources of income deriving from subordinate work or self-employment activities cannot be taken into consideration.

1	Application form for D-type National Visa 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. • <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</i>



	<i>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 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 Emirates ID (front and back), showing Abu Dhabi/Al Ain/Al Dhafra as the place of issue. If the place of issue is not mentioned on the Emirate ID, the below-listed documents shall be submitted:</i> <i>Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;</i> <i>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> <i>If the GCC citizen applying for the visa does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the Emirates ID or the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member shall be submitted.</i>
6	Photocopies of previous Schengen, USA, Canada, Japan, UK visas.
7	Self-declaration signed by the applicant about his/her intention to live in Italy, detailing the home address, including building and apartment numbers.
8	Documented and detailed guarantees regarding ample and constant economic resources. <i>The applicant must submit documents attesting an annual income of at least € 31.000,00 per applicant (including spouses), deriving from pensions or annuities, personally owned real estate, personally held stable economic-commercial activities or any other kind of annuities, excluding any income deriving from employment activities;</i> <i>If the applicant intends to apply for his/her children (minors or adult in the parents' care), the monthly income must be increased at least by 5% for each child; [m]</i> <i>The adequacy of the economic requirements will be assessed on the basis of appropriate and documented guarantees regarding the availability of the aforementioned ample economic resources during the last year at least, with particular reference to the cross-reading of bank account statements, financial and bond securities, businesses' shares and corporate financial statements, as well as documents certifying the ownership of real estate and lease.</i>
9	Deed certifying the purchase or the intention to purchase a property for residential use in Italy, and/or a rental contract signed by both lessor and tenant and registered by the competent Italian Government Authorities. <i>The willingness to purchase the property must be demonstrated through the submission of the preliminary purchase contract at least (settlement drawn up by an Italian notary) and the appropriate documentation proving the settlement of the down payment.</i> <i>In order to assess the requirements, a purchase proposal detailing the property to be purchased and the economic offer will suffice.</i> <i>If the formal issue of the residence permit precedes the final deed of purchase attesting the conveyance of the property, it will be also mandatory to demonstrate the full availability of an accommodation to be elected as residence for the entire duration of the visa.</i>
10	Declaration on the possession of sufficient resources to live in Italy without being engaged in any work activity.
11	Notarized kinship certificates, such as marriage certificate and birth certificate, legalized by the competent Authorities of the Country where the certificates were issued and by the territorially competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the same Country.
12	In case of minors, birth certificate and assent to expatriate issued by both the parents. <i>The assent letter must be legalized by the competent authorities of the Country in which the certificate was issued and by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the same country;</i> <i>If the parents of the minor passed away, a death certificate, legalized by the competent authorities of the country in which the certificate was issued and by the accredited and territorially competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the same Country, must be submitted.</i>



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13	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>
14	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.</u>

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	<u>Initials:</u>
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E-mail address (capital letters)	Mobile number
Place and date	Applicant's signature (parents' signatures in case of minors)