



ITALY

Digital Nomad and Remote Worker Visa

Live and work remotely from Italy through digital nomad and remote worker routes.

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About Italy Skilled Migration

Italy’s digital nomad and remote worker route allows highly qualified non-EU professionals to reside in Italy while working remotely through technological tools. Digital nomads are self-employed; remote workers are employees or collaborators.

The route operates outside annual quotas and requires no work clearance. Applicants must meet income, qualification, experience, insurance, accommodation and employment conditions in Italy.

Eligibility

- Non-EU national performing highly qualified remote work
- Recognised qualification or qualifying professional experience
- At least six months’ relevant prior experience
- Required lawful annual income from documented sources
- Comprehensive health insurance valid throughout Italy
- Suitable accommodation and category-specific work evidence

Program Overview



Program Type
Digital Nomad / Remote Worker



Minimum investment
Three Times Statutory Threshold



Processing Time
Varies; Up to 120 Days



Physical Presence Required
Visa and Residence Formalities

Government rules require lawful annual income of at least three times the statutory healthcare-exemption threshold applicable to applicants.

Key Benefits

- One-year residence permit renewable annually
- No annual work-quota allocation or work clearance
- Available to freelancers, employees and eligible collaborators
- Family reunification available under statutory conditions
- Tax code issued with the residence permit
- Potential long-term residence after five qualifying years



Digital Nomad and Remote Worker Routes

Italy distinguishes self-employed digital nomads from employed or collaborative remote workers. Both routes require highly qualified activity, documented resources and full compliance with immigration, tax and social-security rules.

- Digital nomads: Self-employed professionals using technology to perform highly qualified activity remotely while living in Italy.
- Remote workers: Employees or collaborators working remotely for an employer or client established in Italy or abroad.
- Qualifications: Applicants must satisfy the highly qualified worker criteria through eligible education, regulated-profession recognition or qualifying professional experience.
- Income: Annual lawful income must equal at least three times the minimum healthcare-exemption threshold; government guidance currently illustrates €24,789 for a single applicant.
- Experience: At least six months of relevant prior experience is required. Remote workers also need a contract or binding offer meeting applicable remuneration rules.
- Residence: The permit lasts up to one year, is renewable annually and permits qualifying family reunification under statutory conditions.

Process

- 1 Profile Assessment**
Confirm highly qualified status, category, experience, income and intended remote activity.
- 2 Qualification Evidence**
Prepare degrees, professional recognition or experience records meeting applicable skilled criteria.
- 3 Income and Work Proof**
Document lawful income, contracts, assignments, invoices and relevant prior experience.
- 4 Visa Documents**
Compile passport, accommodation evidence, health insurance and category-specific employer declarations.
- 5 National Visa Application**
Apply through the competent Italian consular office and complete biometrics.
- 6 Residence Permit**
Within eight working days after arrival, apply directly to the competent provincial police headquarters.
- 7 Tax and Renewal**
Obtain the tax code, register VAT when self-employed, comply with contributions and renew annually.

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