



Ambasciata d'Italia
Tbilisi

ENTRY VISA FOR “DIGITAL NOMADS AND REMOTE WORKERS” (V.S.U. OR V.N.) (LEGISLATIVE DECREE, ARTICLE 27(1)(Q-BIS) AND ARTICLE 27(SEXIES))

The digital nomad / remote worker visa is intended for individuals who are not EU citizens and who intend to work remotely while living in Italy.

The visa is only available to highly specialized workers whose careers require or exceed the requirements listed in article 27-quater of the Legislative Decree n. 286 of 25 July 1998, including careers that require post-secondary degrees or at least three years' professional training or experience.

The visa is subdivided into two categories: “digital nomads”, who are freelancers, consultants, or other independent specialists, and “remote workers”, who are employees of a company but can perform their work completely remotely.

The visa application must contain:

- **Valid passport or travel document** (original plus one photocopy), valid for at least three months beyond the return date of your trip from Italy and containing at least two blank pages;
- **Proof of residency** in Georgia and possession of a valid Georgian residence permit (original plus a photocopy), which must still be valid for at least three months upon return from the trip;
- **One photograph** compliant with ICAO standards and taken within the last six months;
- **Printed and completed visa application form:**
 - For long stay visa, for more than 90 days, please download and fill up National visa application form.
 - For short stay visa, up to 90 days, please download and fill up Schengen Visa application form.
- **Proof of accommodation** for the entire period of stay. The following documents are accepted:
 - The lease, rental contract, or deed of ownership must be in the applicant's name and must cover the entire duration of the visa.
 - If renting or leasing, the applicant must present an original copy of a “Contratto di Locazione ad Uso Abitativo”, complete with proof that the landlord has registered it with the Agenzia delle Entrate, the Italian Tax Authority.
 - In the event that the applicant must change residence, you should notify the Questura that issued your residency permit.

- **Proof of travel medical insurance** showing coverage for medical expenses, hospitalization costs and repatriation for medical reasons for the entire duration of stay. Insurance coverage must not be less than 30.000,00 Euro.
- **Proof of travel ticket reservation:**
 - For short stay visa applications (up to 90 days): Round-trip travel ticket reservation must be provided.
 - For long stay visa applications (more than 90 days): Single-trip travel ticket reservation must be provided.
- **Proof of legal income** of at least three times the minimum necessary to pay healthcare taxes in Italy.
 - The minimum legal income is no less than 25,500 Euros per year.
 - Proof can be provided in a variety of ways, including paystubs, tax return, or three most recent bank statements.
 - The income must derive from the work the applicant will be performing in Italy. Other passive income such as pensions, rents, or stocks, will not be considered.
- **Proof of six or more months prior work experience in the field:**
 - For digital nomads: tax returns, client invoices, membership in professional or industrial associations can all provide evidence of employment;
 - For remote workers: tax returns, pay slips or a letter from the employer can be used as proof of employment.
- **Proof of a recognized highly qualified profession:**

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There are three ways to demonstrate you belong to a qualifying profession:

- I. Proof of a tertiary level higher education qualification, issued by a competent university in the country where it was obtained) certifying completion of a higher education course lasting at least three years OR a post-secondary level professional qualification lasting at least three years or corresponding to at least level 6 of the National Qualifications Framework¹;
- II. For professions licensed by government agencies, such as architects, engineers, teachers, etc., please present an attestation from the applicable Italian Authority certifying that you possess the requirements set out by Legislative Decree n. 206 of 6 November 2007 ([click here to see the full list](#)). For the purposes of the visa, the applicant must therefore provide a copy of the aforementioned certification.
 - In some cases, it may be necessary to acquire a license to exercise a regulated profession before you are able to apply for the visa;
 - In reviewing the list of licensing agencies above, you may notice agencies specifically for the regions of Trento and Bolzano. Due to their special legal status as “autonomous regions”, both regions may establish and use their own licensing agencies. If you do not intend to live in the Trento or Bolzano regions, you do not need to refer to these agencies.

¹ Decree of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of 8 January 2018: “Establishment of the National Qualifications Framework issued within the National Skills Certification System referred to in Legislative Decree 16 January 2013, no. 13”, published in the Official Journal (Gazzetta Ufficiale) no. 20 of 25 January 2018 - [Link](#)

- III. Proof of a higher professional qualification attested by at least five years of professional experience of a level comparable to tertiary level higher education qualifications, relevant to the profession or sector specified in the employment contract or binding offer.
To prove possession of this requirement, the applicant must present the following documents issued by a Public Authority in the country where such experience was obtained (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Municipality, competent public bodies, etc.):
- Identification data of the company and the business sector it operates or operated in;
 - The position held within the company (owner, partner, employee);
 - Copy of the employment contract and/or copies of the pay slips related to the period worked (at least two for each year);
 - Letter from the company or employer describing your professional duties at the company including the start and end dates of the employment
- IV. For executives and specialists working in the ICT industry only (the applicant must be a manager or a specialist in the information and communication technologies sector as per the ISCO-08 classification, no. 133 and no. 25 only): A higher professional qualification with proof of at least three years' professional experience acquired in the past seven years.

Important Note: Whereby supportive evidence as per point I) III) & IV) are issued by **NON EU entities**, these must be submitted in certified copy (or copy conforming to the original), legalized or apostilled by the competent authorities in the country of issue and translated into Italian. The translation must be certified as faithful to the original text.

In particular, with reference to the higher education qualification and related tertiary level professional qualification, in place of the Declaration of Value it is possible to present the attestation of comparability issued by the Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalences (CIMEA).

- **Additional requirements for remote workers:**
 - **Employment contract** showing a salary that equals or exceeds that required by the collective contracts negotiated by the relevant Italian national union, and that in any case cannot be below the median annual salary as calculated by ISTAT (the Italian National Institute of Statistics), which can be [viewed here](http://dati.istat.it) (<http://dati.istat.it>)
 - **Letter from employer** stating that the employer has not been convicted in the past five years of any crimes related to the facilitation of illegal immigration, the exploitation of minors for work purposes, the violation of labor laws, or other crimes listed under comma 5-bis of article 22 of the Testo Unico Sull'Immigrazione (Italian immigration code).
The letter must be signed by an executive, legal representative, or other appropriate agent of the employer, and the signature must be accompanied by a photocopy of the signer's photo ID.

Dependent Family Members:

Upon receipt, via electronic channels, of the immigration (SUI) clearance certificate for only those family members identified in Article 29, paragraph 1, letters a) and b) of Legislative Decree 286/98, (the spouse who is not legally separated and is at least eighteen years of age, and minor children, including those of the spouse or born out of wedlock, who are unmarried, provided that the other parent, if any, has given consent). Therefore, family reunification is not permitted with adult children, even if they are dependents or totally disabled, nor with parents (regardless of the parents' age or whether they are dependents of the highly specialized worker).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All documentation must be submitted translated in English or Italian language.

THE INFORMATION OUTLINED ABOVE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. NO LIABILITY CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH CHANGES.

THIS CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO EVALUATE AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION, IF DEEMED NECESSARY, IN ADDITION TO WHAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. FURTHERMORE, THE APPLICANT IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT SUBMITTING ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ISSUANCE OF THE VISA.