

Italian Start-up Visa, Italy

<http://italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it/#direct-application-section-ISV>

The Italian startup visa is highly selective and has accepted relatively few applicants compared to other programs in Europe. Tellingly, a KPMG report recently stated that “Made in Italy” is the 3rd best known brand in the world. By establishing a startup in Italy, you will have the chance to leverage Italy’s most celebrated sectors, add value to your products and scale up your business. You can apply directly for a start-up visa and fill in the application form online. You need to send the application form, a presentation deck, a forecast of costs and revenues, a cover letter and a copy of the passport. Another method is to be accepted by a certified incubator and follow the necessary steps (more information here: <http://italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it/#certified-incubator-section-ISV>) .

To apply for the visa, you must have: a business model and €50,000 in financial resources for the innovative startup. Before obtaining the visa, you must first secure the Nulla Osta certificate (<http://italiastartupvisa.mise.gov.it/#direct-application-section-ISV>).

You can do this online. If you are applying as part of an incubator, this process will include a declaration from the incubator that they will host your startup. You can then go to your nearest Italian Embassy or Consulate to apply for the startup visa. The Italian Startup Visa is valid for one year. Once you arrive in Italy, you must obtain a one-year residency permit from the local police headquarters within eight days. You can renew this residency permit every two years.

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