



Working Holiday Visa: Italy

Complete guide to requirements, application, and details by nationality

Key Requirements

*Everything you need to know before starting your application to live your
adventure in Italy.*

Universal Requirements

Allowed Age

The general age range to apply for the Working Holiday Visa in Italy is **18 to 30 years old** inclusive. However, for citizens of Australia and Canada, this limit is favorably extended up to **35 years old**.

Language Requirement

Although a language certificate is not a strictly mandatory requirement for the visa, it is **essential** to have a working knowledge of Italian or at least English to navigate bureaucratic procedures and daily life.

Proof of Financial Funds

- **Bank Statement:** Must be recent (last 3 months), printed, and exclusively in the name of the applicant.
- **Required Amount:** Varies by country. For example, approx. €1,900 is required for Canada or the equivalent of €10,000 annually for Australia.
- **Flight Ticket:** You must have a return flight ticket to your home country or prove additional funds to purchase it.
- **Document Language:** The bank statement must be originally issued or officially translated into Italian or English.



Additional Documents



Police Clearance

A physical police clearance certificate from your home country is mandatorily required, proving you have no prior criminal convictions.



Translations

Every original legal document must be rigorously apostilled (The Hague) and translated into Italian by a recognized sworn translator.



Medical Exams

Generally, you are exempt from presenting these, as the strict requirement of comprehensive health insurance mitigates this legal risk.

Mandatory Health Insurance



Comprehensive International Coverage

Having health insurance is a **mandatory and inflexible** requirement. The policy must guarantee a minimum coverage of **30,000 EUR** and explicitly include hospitalization and medical repatriation expenses.

Attention: It is vital that this private international insurance covers you for the entire 365 days of your stay, as Italian law does not grant WHV holders automatic access to its local public health system.

Breakdown of Processing Costs

€116

OFFICIAL CONSULAR FEE

€86

PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO

Administrative Expenses

The direct cost of the visa (Type D) is 116 EUR at the time of application (citizens of Japan are exempt).

Upon arriving in Italy, within the first 8 days, you must pay approximately an additional 86 EUR to obtain the

Permesso di Soggiorno (Residence Permit).

To these official amounts, you must add external

logistical expenses: contracting the annual health

insurance, sworn translator services, apostilles, and

mailing costs.

Official Comparison by Nationality

Nationality	Age Range	Annual Quotas	Demonstrable Funds
Australia	18 to 35 years	Unlimited	Approx. €10,000 annually
Canada	18 to 35 years	2,000	Approx. €1,900 total
New Zealand	18 to 30 years	Unlimited	Approx. \$5,500 NZD
Japan	18 to 30 years	1,500	Variable (Assess sufficiency)
South Korea / HK	18 to 30 years	500 per country	Min. KRW 3,000,000 (Korea)

Visa Availability

Availability is ample; quotas to settle in Italy through this agreement rarely sell out quickly and tend to remain accessible throughout much of the year.

– General Perspective of the WHV Italy Program

The Application Process

Obtaining the Working Holiday Visa requires a **mandatory in-person appointment** at the Italian embassy or consulate corresponding to your jurisdiction.

Reservations are made through the official **PRENOT@MI** portal. During this appointment, physical documents will be submitted and biometric capture will be performed to obtain the visa.

Key step in Italy: Once you enter Italian territory, you have a strict deadline of only 8 business days to go to the local *Questura* (Police Headquarters) and formalize your Residence Permit.



Conditions of Your Stay

Permitted Studies

During your visa year, you are allowed to undertake short studies or professional development courses (e.g., language courses) for a maximum period of **6 months**. It is strictly forbidden to pursue full-time undergraduate degrees under this status.

Extension Rules

The WHV permit is valid for a maximum of **12 months** and is **legally non-extendable** for almost all nationalities. The only exception is Canada, whose bilateral agreement allows applying for a second participation (up to 24 months total).

Official Application Checklist (Part 1)



Application Form: Official application form for a National Visa (Type D) duly completed and hand-signed.



Valid Passport: Original passport and a color copy. It must have a minimum required validity after the visa ends (usually 3 to 6 extra months).



Official Photograph: Recent passport-style photograph, with a white background and meeting standard biometric measurements.



Financial Proof: Proof of sufficient economic funds for initial maintenance (physical bank statements from recent months).

Official Application Checklist (Part 2)



Flight Ticket: Proof of a return flight ticket to your country, or alternatively, proof of extra funds to guarantee its purchase in the future.



Health Insurance Policy: International health and travel insurance valid for the full 12 months (minimum coverage of 30,000 EUR with a repatriation clause).



Proof of Accommodation: Evidence of where you will stay the first few days after your arrival (confirmed hotel/hostel reservation or a validated invitation letter).

Prepare for your Italian adventure!

Gather your documents in time, book your consular appointment, and get ready to live an unforgettable 12 months combining work and tourism in one of Europe's most fascinating countries.



Questions?

Thank you for your attention and best of luck with your application to Italy!

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