PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENROLLING IN UNIVERSITY

**1. ENTRY AND SHORT STAY VISA FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ADMISSION TESTS.** If the admission tests and language exams are held before the student obtains their secondary school diploma or in a timescale that does not allow the student to complete the pre-enrolment procedure, students should request a short stay visa (Uniform Schengen Visa for stays of up to 90 days).

Countries whose citizens need a short stay Visa: http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/ingressosoggiornoinitalia/visto\_ingresso/paesi\_soggetti\_visto.html

Countries whose citizens do not need a short stay Visa: http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/servizi/stranieri/ingressosoggiornoinitalia/visto\_ingresso/paesi\_esen ti\_visto.html

Requirements for obtaining a short stay Visa: <http://esteri.it/visti/home.asp>

Please specify in the menu your nationality, country of residence, the reason “tourism” and the period “shorter than 90 days”.

2. Once the pre-enrolment procedure has been completed, all students must apply for a visa for study/university matriculation to the Italian diplomatic and consular mission in their country of residence.

A STUDY visa for “university matriculation” can only be issued for to a degree and Master degree programme and under no circumstances can one be issued to foreigners enrolled in academic years subsequent to that of matriculation.

**To obtain the entry visa for the purpose of STUDY for University matriculation** (type D “national”) and, subsequently, the permit of stay, the foreign student must prove that they have the following requisites:

**A. Adequate economic means of support for the envisaged period of stay. These means are quantified in the amount of 448.07 euro per month**, equal to 5,824.91 euro per year (Circular no. 8, on “Renewal of the pensions and welfare services for the year 2017”, issued by the National Social Welfare Institution (INPS), on 17 January 2017, in which, the values of the “welfare cheque” are published at point 2.1) for each month of the duration of the academic year. The availability in Italy of these means of support must be proven by way of personal economic guarantees, or guarantees provided by the student’s parents, or by Italian institutions and authorities which are known to be creditworthy, including Universities, local governments, foreign institutions and authorities considered reliable by the Italian diplomatic missions; this can be proven by presenting a bank guarantee, or a guarantee policy, but not cash amounts or guarantees provided by third persons.

Students who have simply applied for a scholarship to the Italian government are not considered as having a document which certifies their financial coverage. Students who have applied for but not yet obtained a scholarship from the Italian government, and intend to submit an application to register also pursuant to the regulations referred to herein must produce a document certifying their financial coverage in the same way as all other candidates.

**B. Availability of the amount required for the student to return to their home country, which can also be proven by showing their return travel ticket.**

**C. Suitable accommodation in Italy;**

**D. Adequate insurance cover for medical care and hospital admissions** (Article 39 paragraph 3 of Consolidated Act no. 286/1998 and Directive of 01.03.2000 issued by the Interior Ministry), of which the student must show proof of possession, when applying for their permit of stay;

**E. Declaration of value** regarding the local validity of the academic qualification for the purpose of gaining admission to university studies (*ex* Article 46 paragraph 6 of Italian Presidential Decree 334/99) issued by the competent Italian diplomatic-consular mission.

The following documents are accepted:

1. consular declaration certifying that the student is entitled to the healthcare available due to the Agreement between Italy and their home country;

2. foreign insurance policy, accompanied by a consular declaration of its validity in Italy, duration and the forms of assistance envisaged therein, which must not apply restrictions or exceptions to the rates established for urgent admission to hospital for the full duration of its validity;

3. insurance policy with national organisations or companies accompanied by a declaration from the insuring organisation that specifies the absence of restrictions or limitation to the rates established for urgent admission to hospital for the full duration of its validity.

Students participating in the admission tests, including the Italian language test, which take place after they have obtained their secondary school or completed the pre-enrolment procedure, must go to their chosen University with their passport and the specific entry visa for the purposes of STUDY (University matriculation) or, if applicable, their permit of stay, or the receipt issued by the Post office certifying that the student has submitted an application for the permit of stay.

They will receive from their chosen University the indications for submitting the application for pre-enrolment, with certified signature, photograph and academic documents, accompanied by the required consular documents, picked up from the Italian diplomatic and consular mission.