**Italia Startup Visa**

**Application Form**

Application submitted by **First name and Surname**, on **dd/mm/yyyy**

Annex:

* copy of a valid passport

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| Send to:Ministry of Economic Development Italia Startup Visa&Hub Committee(*italiastartupvisa@mise.gov.it*) |



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| **Personal information and contact details** |
| ***Full name****(as stated in passport)* |  |
| ***Date of birth****Format (dd.mm.yyyy)* |  |
| ***Place and country of birth*** |  |
| ***Nationality****(more than one if applicable)* |  |
| ***Address****(street, number, postcode, city, country)*  |  |
| ***Phone number****(more than one if applicable, please specify if mobile and include country code)* |  |
| ***Email address*** |  |
| ***Instant messaging*** *(e.g. Skype)* |  |
| ***LinkedIn*** |  |
| ***Twitter*** |  |
| ***Other social networks*** *(e.g. Facebook)* |  |
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| **Employment background[[1]](#footnote-1)** |
| ***Dates*** *(from – to)* |  |
| ***Employer's name and******contacts*** |  |
| ***Type of company or sector*** |  |
| ***Type of employment*** *(i.e. employee, self-employment, traineeship)*  |  |
| ***Main duties***  |  |
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| **Education[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
| ***Dates*** *(from – to)* |  |
| ***Name and type of educational or training institution*** |  |
| ***Main subjects / skills studied*** |  |
| ***Qualification obtained*** |  |

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| **Language skills** |
| ***Mother tongue*** |  |
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|  | *Spoken* | *Reading* | *Written* |
| ***Other languages***(Add one entry for each further language you know) |  |  |  |

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| **Business model of innovative startup[[3]](#footnote-3)** |
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| ***I want to…****(please tick only one answer!)* | [ ]  *Establish a new innovative startup* |
| [ ]  *Join an existing innovative startup as a working shareholder* |
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| ***My startup*** | *Description of the idea and how you intend to develop it: the business concept, goods or services you intend to produce or provide, the business mission, your market* |
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| ***My potential***  | *Target market and growth objectives* |
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| ***My team***  | *The team is an added value for startups. Who will be involved in your business? What experience do they have? And what will be your role?* |
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| ***My world***  | *Internationalisation, understood as ability to reach and offer your products on international markets, planned collaboration with commercial or financial partners outside Italy* |
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| ***My business is innovative because…*** | *Indicate whether you intend to carry out intensive R&D activity, and/or any patents or software you have registered and you intend to use in your business* |
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| ***My links with Italy's innovation ecosystem*** | *Indication of any previous contact with players in the Italian innovation ecosystem (incubators, accelerators, universities, investors, financial institutions, corporations).* |
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| ***Funding available*** | *Have you any funds of your own to invest? Have you received any bank loans or equity investment from investment companies, venture capital funds or business angels? Have you any other funding provided by Italian or foreign government or non-government organisations?* |
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| ***Why ISV*** | *How did you hear about the Italia Startup Visa programme? Why did you choose Italy to set up your startup?* |
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The undersigned, *First name and Surname*, born in *town/city (country)* on *dd.mm.yyyy*, of citizenship *country*, identity document/passport no. *yyy*, issued on *dd.mm.yyyy*, resident in *town/city (country)*, for the purpose of an entry visa for self-employment, ***(tick only one box)*** [ ]  to establish a new ***OR*** [ ]  to join as a working shareholder an innovative startup in the territory of Municipality/Region: *name of Municipality/Region*,

**HEREBY REQUESTS** a Certificate of No Impediment from the Italia Startup Visa&Hub Committee at the Ministry of Economic Development as a pre-requisite to obtain a self-employment visa for non-EU citizens intending to set up or join an ***innovative startup[[4]](#footnote-4)*** in Italy, as defined by Decree-Law 179 of 18 October 2012;

**HEREBY DELEGATES** the above-mentioned Committee to apply, on his or her behalf, to the Questura of *town/city* for a Certificate of No Impediment for the purpose of entry, issued in accordance with Article 39(5) and (6) of Presidential Decree 394/1999.

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| Your location,[[5]](#footnote-5) *dd/mm/yyyy* |  | Signature |
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1. Add one entry for each further work experience. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Add one entry for each further qualification obtained during your education and training. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Please be as accurate as possible in completing this form. If you wish so, you may attach a presentation deck (e.g. PowerPoint presentation) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Decree-Law 179/2012, Italy’s “Startup Act”, refers specifically and explicitly to ***innovative* startups** to underscore that its target is not any and all new enterprises, but those whose business is closely and strongly linked to innovation and technology. An innovative startup must be a company with shared capital (i.e. limited companies), including cooperatives, whose shares or significant registered capital shares are not listed on a regulated market nor on a multilateral negotiation system.
Moreover, these companies must also meet the following requirements:

be new or have been operational for less than 5 years;

have their headquarters in Italy or in another EU country, but with at least a production site branch in Italy;

have a yearly turnover lower than 5 million Euros;

do not distribute profits;

produce, develop and commercialise innovative goods or services of high technological value;

are not the result of a merger, split-up or selling-off of a company or branch;

be of innovative character, which can be identified by at least one of the following criteria:

at least 15% of the company’s expenses can be attributed to R&D activities;

at least 1/3 of the total workforce are PhD students, the holders of a PhD or researchers; alternatively, 2/3 of the total workforce must hold a Master’s degree;

the enterprise is the holder, depositary or licensee of a registered patent (industrial property) or the owner of a program for original registered computers.

No restrictions are applied with respect to the entrepreneur’s personal circumstances, or the startup’s sector or sphere of business, or the region of Italy where it will be located. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The place you are sending this application from. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)