**Italia Startup Visa**

**Application Form**

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

Annex:

* copy of a valid passport
* file name of other attachment (business plan, CV, IP…)  
  *Please add one field for each new file.*

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| Send to:  Ministry of Economic Development  Italia Startup Visa 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 of current residency\**** *(street, number, postcode, city, country)* |  |
| ***Phone number\**** *(more than one if applicable) Please specify if mobile and include country code* | + |
| ***Personal email address\**** |  |
| ***Instant messaging*** *(e.g. Skype)* |  |
| ***LinkedIn*** |  |
| ***Twitter*** |  |
| ***Other social networks*** *(e.g. Facebook)* |  |
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**\*Fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory. Failure to fill them in may lead to ineligibility or refusal of application.**

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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*** | *What are the markets that your startup intends to access, and how long do you foresee it will take? What kind of strategy will pursue to meet your growth objectives?*  *Have you already laid out a detailed cost and revenue forecast in the short- and medium term?[[4]](#footnote-4)* |
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| ***My team****[[5]](#footnote-5)****\**** | *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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| What is an “innovative startup”? |
| Decree-law 179/2012, the “Italian Startup Act”, specifically refers to ***innovative* startups** to underline that its target is not any kind of new firm, but only those whose business model is strongly and undoubtedly linked to technological innovation. Innovative startups are **limited liability companies,** including cooperatives, not listed on the stock market, which meet the following requirements:  they have been incorporated for less than **5 years**;  have their **head office in Italy**, or in another EU/EEA member provided that they have at least a branch in Italy;  their annual turnover does not exceed **€5 million**;  **do not distribute profits**;  their company purpose (“*oggetto sociale”*) refers exclusively or predominantly to the production, development and commercialisation of **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;  meet **one** of the following three criteria (innovativeness indicators):  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.  Provided that, no specific 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. |

**I understood: I believe that my entrepreneurial project fits the definition of “innovative startup” found in the Italian law, and I commit myself to fulfilling the requirements set out by the Italian Startup Act.\***

The undersigned, *First name and Surname*, born in *town/city (country)* on *dd/mm/yyyy*, of citizenship *country*, 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[[6]](#footnote-6)\**,

**HEREBY REQUESTS** a Certificate of No Impediment from the Italia Startup Visa 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*** 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 *Province* 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;\*

**HEREBY REPRESENTS** that all the information provided is complete and accurate and to be aware that untruthful representations and/or the creation or use of forged documents will lead to rejection of the application or cancellation of any certificate of no impediment already granted, and also to an application for the start of legal proceedings according to Italian law (article 331 of the Italian Code of Criminal Procedure);

**HEREBY AUTHORISES** the processing of his or her personal data in accordance with current regulations, after being informed, pursuant to art. 13 of legislative decree no. 196/2003, that the data collected will be processed, also electronically, as part of the procedure to which this application refers;

**HEREBY ACCEPTS** to make him/herself available for occasional communications or surveys on the state of advancement of the business activities, sent by the Italian Ministry of Economic Development.

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| Your location[[7]](#footnote-7), *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. It is highly advised to attach further documentation, such as a presentation deck (e.g. PowerPoint presentation) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. To facilitate assessment by the Committee, we strongly suggest to attach to the application a formal business plan, summarising its main tenets in this section. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Please specify if other team members mentioned in this section need to apply for a visa for Italy, and in particular if they intend to apply for Italia Startup Visa. Team applications are disciplined by specific rules, set out in a dedicated paragraph of the ISV Guidelines. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. You may only choose *one* target municipality (“*comune*”), province, and region at this stage. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. The place you are sending this application from. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)