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Italy Skilled Migration

Live in Italy and work remotely on a one-year permit, renewable annually.

PROGRAMMES	CAPITAL	CURRENCY	LANGUAGE
1	Rome	Euro (EUR)	Italian

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Italy at a glance

CAPITAL **Rome**	LANGUAGE **Italian**
CURRENCY **Euro (EUR)**	TIME ZONE **UTC+1 (CET)**
CLIMATE **Mediterranean — mild winters, warm summers**	PROGRAMMES WE ADVISE ON **1**
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Overview

Italy's Digital Nomad Visa, introduced by the Ministry of the Interior decree of 29 February 2024, allows highly qualified non-EU professionals to live in Italy while working remotely, either self-employed or as employees of a company that may be based outside Italy.

The permit is issued for one year and renewed annually, each time re-testing income, accommodation and insurance. XIPHIAS Immigration assists with eligibility, documentation and the full application.

Key points

- Open to self-employed digital nomads and employed remote workers.
- Your employer may be based outside Italy; there is no percentage cap on Italian work.
- At least six months' prior experience in the remote activity.
- Income of at least three times the minimum level for exemption from healthcare cost-sharing.
- One-year permit, renewable annually; five years are expected to count towards EU long-term residence.

Programmes in Italy



Italy Digital Nomad Visa — Live & Work Remotely

A one-year Italian permit, renewable annually, for highly qualified professionals who work remotely as freelancers or employees.

Varies by consulate; permit application within 8 working days of arrival

Overview

Italy's **Digital Nomad Visa** invites freelancers and remote professionals to **live and work in Italy** while serving their clients or employer, which may be based outside Italy. With its unique mix of history, lifestyle, and modern connectivity, Italy offers one of Europe's most desirable setups for digital professionals. **Xiphias Immigration** supports applicants with document preparation, eligibility verification, and end-to-end visa guidance.

Why Choose Italy

- Enjoy world-renowned culture, food, and scenic living
- Work remotely while residing legally in Italy
- No need for a local employment contract
- Family reunification allowed
- One-year permit, renewable annually, with long-term residence expected after five years

How the application works

1. **Collect documents: contracts, income evidence, health insurance, accommodation proof and evidence of six months' remote experience.**
2. **Submit your national visa application to the Italian consulate responsible for your place of residence.**
3. **Pay the €116 visa fee and attend any interview the consulate requires.**
4. **Receive your visa and travel to Italy within its validity.**
5. **Apply for your residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) within eight working days of arrival.**

General requirements

- Non-EU/EEA nationality.
- Highly qualified work carried out remotely, as a freelancer or an employee.
- At least six months' experience in the remote activity.
- Income of at least three times the minimum level for exemption from healthcare cost-sharing.
- Health insurance and suitable accommodation in Italy.

Sectors in demand

- IT
- Marketing
- Design

Questions clients ask

Can my family join me?

Yes. Your spouse and dependent children can join under Italy's family reunification rules.

How long is the visa valid?

The residence permit is issued for one year and renewed annually.

Can I work for an Italian company?

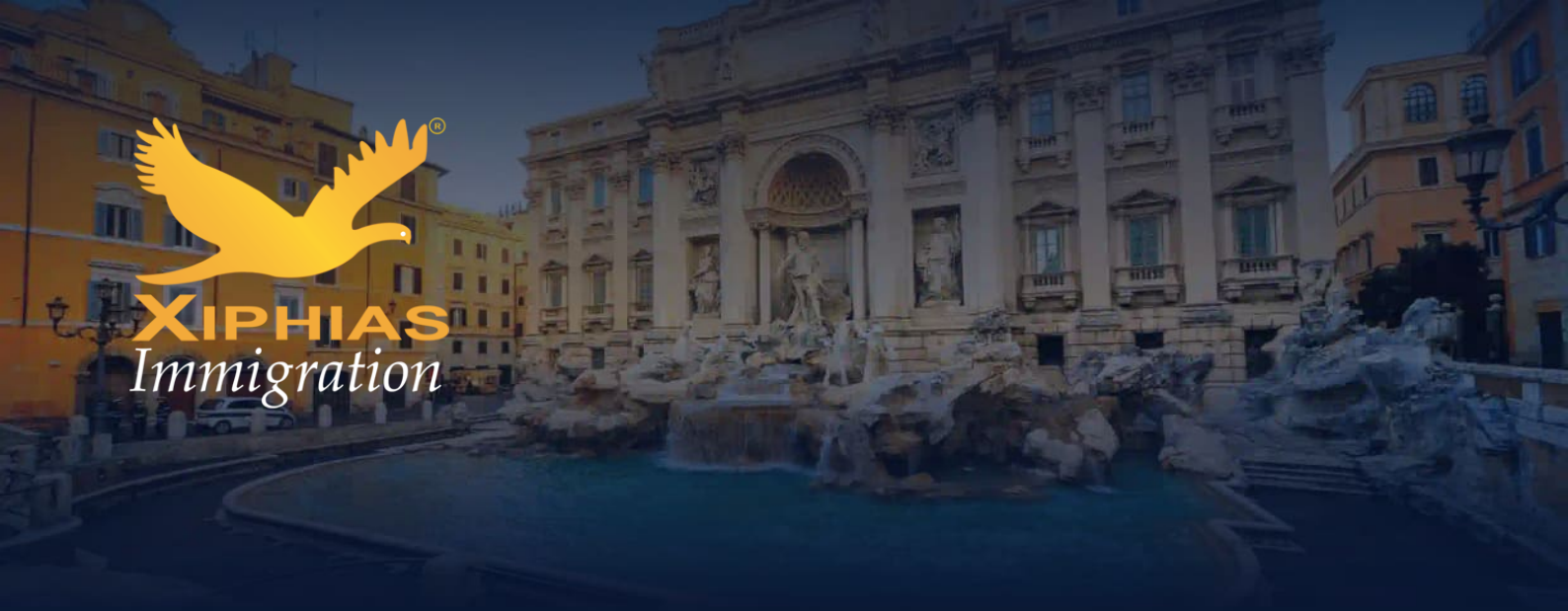
Yes. The decree allows remote work for a company, including one not resident in Italy: it permits a foreign employer but does not require one.

What is the minimum income requirement?

At least three times the minimum level for exemption from healthcare cost-sharing. Consulates publish their own derived figures; XIPHIAS confirms the one your consulate applies.

Can I apply for permanent residence later?

On the face of the statute, five years on the permit should count towards EU long-term residence, though no Ministry circular yet confirms it. Citizenship by residence requires ten years.



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NEXT STEP

Discuss your Italy options with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will compare the Italy routes that fit you, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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