



General Consulate of Italy
Lagos

Information Notice on the Protection of Natural Persons regarding the processing of personal data for the issuance of a visa to enter Italy and the Schengen area (General Data Protection Regulation / GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art. 13)

The processing of personal data for the issuance of a visa to enter Italy and the Schengen area is based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency, safeguarding the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons.

In accordance with Article 13 of the GDPR, the following information is provided:

1. **Data Controller** The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) of the Italian Republic, which operates, in this specific case, through the Consulate of Italy in Lagos, 12/b Walter Carrington, Victoria Island; phone: +234 (0) 2014656728; email: lagos.consolare@esteri.it; certified email: con.lagos@cert.esteri.it.
2. **Data Protection Officer (DPO)** For questions or complaints regarding privacy, the data subject may contact the DPO of MAECI (postal address: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 Rome; phone: +39 06 36911; email: rpd@esteri.it; certified email: rpd@cert.esteri.it).
3. **Personal Data Processed** The personal data processed are those required in the visa application form, as well as those contained in the European Visa Information System (VIS) and the national archive.
4. **Purpose of Processing** The requested personal data are necessary to evaluate the visa application of a non-EU citizen, for whom a visa is mandatory.
5. **Legal Basis of Processing** The legal bases are:
 - Regulation (EC) No. 767/2008 establishing the Visa Information System (VIS)
 - Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 establishing the Community Code on Visas
 - Legislative Decree No. 286 of 25 July 1998
 - Presidential Decree No. 394 of 31 August 1999
 - Interministerial Decree No. 850 of 11 May 2011
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Providing the requested data is mandatory; refusal makes the application inadmissible.

6. **Processing Methods** Processing will be carried out manually and electronically by authorized personnel. Short-stay visa data will be stored in VIS; other visa types will be stored in the national archive.
7. **Data Transmission to Third Parties** In accordance with Schengen rules, short-stay visa data will be available to Italian security authorities, EU institutions, and other Member States. Other visa types will be available only to Italian security authorities.
8. **Data Retention Period** In VIS, data are stored for up to five years. Afterwards, Schengen visa data issued by Italy are transferred to the national archive, where they are stored indefinitely for national security, litigation, or research purposes.
9. **Rights of the Data Subject** The data subject may request access, rectification, erasure, restriction, or objection to processing, within legal limits. For example, erasure may be requested if EU citizenship is acquired within five years or if a visa refusal is definitively annulled.
10. **Complaints** If privacy rights are violated, complaints may be submitted to the DPO of MAECI or to the Italian Data Protection Authority (Piazza Venezia 11, 00187 Rome; phone: +39 06 696771; email: protocollo@gpdp.it; certified email: protocollo@pec.gpdp.it).