

## SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Depending on the type of Secondary School Diploma in their possession, international students can access IED BA Courses (Academic Diploma Level I) as part of the annual quota communicated from IED to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Education (ATTACHMENT 1) or outside of this quota (ATTACHMENT 2).

**Please Note:** this document aims to help international students interested in studying in Italy, but the information may not be updated due to changes in the laws of countries of origin or in the Italian legislation or due to bilateral agreements. It is advisable to ALWAYS check the validity of the study at the Italian Consulate in the country of origin.

### ATTACHMENT 1: Foreign qualifications valid for access to Universities within the quotas set by universities

#### 1. QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED AT THE END OF A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 12 YEARS

Such diplomas shall be valid for access to Bachelor programs and Specialistic single-cycle courses degree in Italian Universities as long as they allow access to a course in the Universities of the country where they relate, similar to the one required in Italy.

See Table 2 for a list of countries for which the Diploma must be accompanied by proof of passing the university entrance exam.

In the computation of 12 years should be considered, where applicable, the pre-school years provided that:

- The frequency of this year is compulsory and an integral part of the curriculum;
- The program provides for the teaching of reading and writing in the mother tongue and the first elements of arithmetic;

#### 2. QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED AT THE END OF A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 12 YEARS

Students must present, in addition to the original diploma of secondary education, including the academic certification attesting to the completion of all exams:

- Of the first year of university studies, if the local school system lasts eleven years;
- Of the first two academic years, if the local school system lasts ten years;

This complementary academic certification to be added to secondary school certificate allows students to enroll in Italy to the first academic year. Enrollment with a shortened course is possible only if the duration of university attendance exceed the period useful to integrate the school curriculum missing.

**Please note:**

The final certificate of post-secondary studies obtained in a non-university Higher Institute can be accepted as a complementary academic certification to be added to secondary school certificate lasting less than 12 years.

See Table 1 for a list of countries in which the Secondary School Diploma is awarded on completion of a period of study of less than 12 years.

#### 3. CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY COLLEGES OF ECCLESIASTICAL STUDIES BASED IN ITALY APPROVED BY THE HOLY SEE

These titles must be endorsed only by the competent ecclesiastical authority and duly authenticated by the Prefecture of Rome (Office Stamp).

Candidates in possession of the certificates so endorsed and certified, give the originals to the University after the entrance examination at the time of enrollment.

#### 4. CERTIFICATES OF UNITED STATES HIGH SCHOOL

Students who passed at least 3 "Advanced Placements U.S." (AP) in different subjects related to the required course of study can be enrolled to the first academic year. If one of the "Ap" is in Italian is considered to be valid for all academic courses.

#### 5. UK CERTIFICATES

These certificates allow the registration if there is evidence of at least six promotions in different subjects, including at least three at the advanced level (A level) related to the degree required ("course requirements"). If a promotion is at an advanced level in "Italian", the same is valid for all academic courses. The final diplomas obtained at British schools in Italy (Attachment 2 Section 3) are valid for entry to Italian Universities and under specific conditions laid down in the agreements concluded by Italy and Britain.

#### 6. GREEK CERTIFICATE- "Apolityrion"

Such qualification shall allow the registration only if obtained with a minimum average score of 10 points out of 20. Candidates must also have attained the University entrance exam named "VEVEOSI PROSVASSIS." Are exempted solely those students who have received the "Apolityrion" before 1999 and can prove that they were resident in Italy during the period 1999/2001, coinciding with the transitional period established by the recent Greek legislation in order to achieve, by way of amnesty, the said certificate.

**TABLE 1**  
**COUNTRIES WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION LASTING LESS THAN 12 YEARS**

COUNTRY	Primary	Secondary	Total
Armenia	3	7	10
Aruba	6	5	11
Azerbaijan	4	7	11
Barbados	6	5	11
Belarus	4	7	11
Brazil	4	7	11
Colombia	5	6	11
Costa Rica	6	5	11
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4	6	10
Gibraltar	6	4	10
Guatemala	6	5	11
Guinea-Bissau	6	5	11
Guyana	6	5	11
Honduras	6	5	11
Jamaica	6	5	11
Kazakhstan	4	7	11
Kyrgyzstan	4	7	11
Lao People's Democratic Republic	5	6	11
Myanmar	5	6	11
Nicaragua	6	5	11
Peru	6	5	11
Philippines	6	4	10
Republic of Moldova	4	7	11
Russian Federation	4	7	11
Sao Tome and Principe	6	5	11
Seychelles	6	5	11
Singapore	6	4	10
Sudan	6	5	11
Tajikistan	4	7	11
Tokelau	6	5	11
Turkmenistan	3	7	10
Turks and Caicos Islands	6	5	11
Ukraine	4	7	11
Uzbekistan	4	7	11
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	6	5	11

**TABLE 2**  
**LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE AN ENTRANCE EXAM TO UNIVERSITY IS COMPULSORY**

COUNTRY	Test
China	GAO KAO + Art Exam
Greece	VEVEOSSI PROSVASSIS
Turkey	OSS
Spain	Selectividad
Portugal	Aferição o Prova Geral de Acesso ao Ensino Superior
Israel	PET
Colombia	ICFES

## **ATTACHMENT 2 : Italian diplomas of secondary education or qualifications of foreign or international schools, that allow access outside of the quotas provided by Universities.**

### **1 “SCHOOL OF FRONTIER” CERTIFICATES**

Certificates issued by public “schools of frontier” where subjects are taught in Italian (see full list at: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/allegato2.pdf>) must be valid in the country where they refer to the same courses for which university registration is sought in Italy.

### **2. CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY EUROPEAN SCHOOLS**

Law March 6, 1996 N. ° 151 “Ratification and implementation of the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools, with attachments, signed in Luxembourg on 21 June 1994” and Law 20 June 1978, No. 400 “Ratification and implementation of the Additional Protocol to the Protocol of 13 April 1962 concerning the creation of the European Schools, signed in Luxembourg on 15 December 1975.” Such certificates must not be accompanied by a declaration of value. (please see full list at: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/allegato2.pdf> )

### **3. CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY BRITISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN AND SWISS SCHOOLS IN ITALY**

Certificates from British schools (“St.George ‘s British International School,” “The New School” of Rome and “Sir James Henderson School” of Milan) from French high schools (“Chateaubriand” Rome, “Stendhal” in Milan and “Jean Giono” of Turin), from Spanish High School (“Cervantes”), from Swiss schools (Swiss School of Rome and Milan) and German schools (“Deutsche Schulen” in Milan, Genoa, Rome) are valid for entry to Italian Universities under specific conditions laid down in the agreements concluded by Italy, respectively, with Great Britain, France, Spain, Switzerland and the Federal Republic of Germany. Candidates in possession of a qualification awarded by one of these schools, can enrol in the University with exemption from proof of knowledge of the Italian language, if this appears as a foreign language among the study subjects, and the exams were passed.

### **4. CERTIFICATES OF THE INSTITUTES OF SECONDARY EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF S.MARINO**

Certificates of secondary education of the Republic of San Marino are equivalent in all respects with the law to the corresponding titles of secondary education of Italian schools, in accordance with art. 1 Intergovernmental Agreement signed in San Marino February 28, 1983 (Ratification and execution 10/18/1984, n. 760) and its integration introduced by the Exchange.

### **5. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE**

Students with an International Baccalaureate Diploma can enroll to Italian Universities with exemption from the preliminary examination of Italian and outside the specific quota of seats reserved for non-EU candidates, if the school they attended is included in the list provided below and if they have completed the syllabus in attachment “A” annexed to the Ministerial Decrees (MPI) and provided that a course of Italian is included in their career.

The diplomas awarded by these schools are valid for entry to Italian universities provided that the students in possession of the said diploma have been admitted to the international baccalaureate after earning promotion to the second last class of their educational system (ie 11° or 12° class, depending on whether, respectively, the school system is ordered on 12 or 13 years of total schooling).

See the whole list at: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/allegato2.pdf>

### **INFO FROM the ITALIAN CONSULATE IN GENEVA WEBSITE**

The Diploma I.B. is issued by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO), non-governmental organization with an international character, with headquarters in Geneva, Route des Morillons CH 1248 - Grand-Saccomex - Tel 022 309 2545 - Fax 022 7882380.

This authority accredits a program of international studies adopted by associated schools.

The degree I.B. (Upper secondary education) is recognized in several countries, including Italy. For the purpose of recognizing the diploma I.B. in Italy, the same shall be provided with “Apostille” issued by “Chancellerie d’Etat” (rue de l’Hotel de Ville, Genève 14 1206 - 022 3270624 - website [www.geneve.ch](http://www.geneve.ch) ).

**If the Diploma is achieved in schools recognized by decree of the Italian Education Ministry**, the General Consulate of Italy in Geneva must certify, by affixing a stamp, the exemption from legalization under the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961 (Law 1253 of December 20, 1966).

**But if the degree was earned at schools that are not included among those recognized by specific decree of the Ministry of Education**, you will need to contact the IBO which in turn will ask the General Consulate of Italy in Geneva the Declaration of Value of the Diploma, which is essential to continue studies at University or start working in Italy.

**Those interested in obtaining an apostille and consular legalization on a diploma IBO must address the IBO’s Departement of legalization ([legalization@ibo.org](mailto:legalization@ibo.org)), which will coordinate the whole process.**

### **6. QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED AT “ITALIAN SECTIONS” OF FOREIGN SCHOOLS**

The declaration of value of the competent Italian diplomatic must show that such license shall be valid for admission to similar courses to those for which registration is sought university in Italy.

(see full list at: <http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/allegato2.pdf> )

### **7. CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY “INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TRIESTE”**

(art. 393 del D.Leg.vo n. 297/1994)