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Residence Permit

Permesso di Soggiorno

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The residence permit is an authorisation issued by the Questura (Police headquarters) that gives Non-EU nationals the right to reside in Italian territory.

Non-EU nationals of 16 years of age or more (with some exceptions), who enter Italy for the first time and request a residence permit for at least one year, must sign an Integration Agreement (DPR 179/2011).

With the Integration Agreement the person agrees to acquire a certain number of credits, through specific undertakings such as training, within two years.

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The complete loss of credits determines whether the permit will be revoked and the non-EU national will be expelled from Italian territory.

This does not apply to residence permit holders for asylum, asylum requests, subsidiary protection, humanitarian reasons, family reasons, EU residence permits for long-term residence, residence cards for foreign family members of EU citizens, permanent residence cards for family members of European citizens, and for those who have exercised the right to family reunification.

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Residence permits include: SHORT STAYS UP TO 90 DAYS In the case of entry into Italy for stays up to 90 days for visits, business, tourism and study (after obtaining an entry visa if required) it is no longer necessary for nonEU citizens to request a residence permit (L. 68/2007).

Non-EU nationals coming from countries outside the Schengen Area must declare their presence at the time of arrival in Italy by presenting themselves at the border where the Schengen stamp will be stamped onto their travel document.

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Those arriving from Schengen countries, however, must declare their presence within 8 days of arrival in Italy at the local Police headquarters in the province where they are staying. If, however, the new arrival is lodging at a tourist accommodation (e.g. a hotel), the declaration of presence can be made by registering at the chosen accommodation, which should then issue the appropriate certification.

Failure to follow this procedure will result in expulsion, except for in circumstances beyond the individual's control. This penalty will also be applied in cases where non-EU nationals remain in Italy longer than three months or any shorter period specified by their visa.

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FOR STAYS LONGER THAN 90 DAYS Those who meet the requirements to stay in Italy for more than 90 days must apply for a residence permit.

Anyone in Italy who is in possession of an expiring residence permit must request a renewal at the Police headquarters in the province of residence at least 60 days before the expiry date, and no later than 60 days after.

Applications can be lodged at the post office or directly at the Police headquarters.

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A non-EU citizen who is already present in Italy with another type of permit may, under certain circumstances, get a job by requesting the conversion of their residence permit.

Specifically, it is possible to request a conversion if in possession of specific requirements in the following cases:

- Converting a residence permit for seasonal work into a permit for other employment
- Converting a residence permit for study into a residence permit for employment, self-employment (or even waiting for employment in the case of a university degree)

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EU Residence permits for long-term residents (formerly the Residence Card for Foreigners)

The EU residence permit for long-term residents (LTR):

1. is for an indefinite period

2. is valid as a document of personal identification for 5 years (the holder may consequently ask for a renewal);

3. cannot be issued to a foreigner who is deemed a threat to national security and public order;

4. cannot be requested by the holders of a residence permit for study, vocational training, scientific research, temporary protection, humanitarian reasons, requests for asylum, or by the holders of a short-term residence permit and generally by persons in possession of the permits listed Article. 9, paragraph 3 D. LGS. 286/98.

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With a EU residence permit it is possible to: enter Italy without a visa; undertake work; take advantage of the services and benefits provided by the public administration; and participate in local public life.

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The EU residence permit is revoked if obtained fraudulently; in cases of expulsion; when the conditions for the issuance are not met, pursuant to clause 4, art. 9 of Legislative Decree no. 286/1998, that is, if the foreigner poses a threat to public order or national security; in cases of absence from EU territory for a period of 12 consecutive months; in cases of having obtained a long-term residence permit from another Member State of the European Union; and in cases of absence from the country for a period exceeding six years. Holders of a EU residence permit for long-term residents may remain in European Union countries for more than 90 days for work, study or vocational training, but in this case they must meet the requirements of the individual states.

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