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Every citizen of the European Union has the right to move and reside freely in Italy or within the territory of another Member State other than that of which he/she is a national.

Different formalities are required depending on the length of stay (exceeding three months or shorter stay).

EU citizens from abroad or from another Italian municipality can apply for residence in every municipality.

The residence request is mandatory by law after 3 months from entering the territory of the Italian State.

Right of residence for up to three months

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Union citizens have the right of residence in Italy for a period of up to three months without any conditions or formalities other than the requirement to hold a valid travel document (i.e. identity card or passport).

These provisions also apply to family members accompanying or joining the Union citizen, who are not nationals of a Member State, provided that they are holders of a valid passport or an entry visa where required, or a valid residence card as family member of a Union citizen.

EU citizens and their family members can report their presence in Italy in different ways.

Right of residence for more than three months

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Union citizens have the right of residence in Italy for a period of longer than three months if they:

- *are workers or self-employed persons in Italy;*
- *have sufficient resources for themselves and their family members not to become a burden on the social assistance system during their period of residence and have comprehensive sickness insurance cover, or any other equivalent means;*
- *are enrolled at a private or public establishment for the purpose of following a course of study, including vocational training and have sufficient resources for themselves and their family members not to become a burden on the social assistance system and a comprehensive sickness insurance cover;*
- *are family members accompanying or joining a Union citizen who has the right to reside in Italy for more than three months.*

Permanent residence

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If you have **lived legally, meeting the conditions to stay in Italy**, for a continuous period of 5 years you automatically acquire the right of permanent residence there. This means that you can stay in the country as long as you want.

Your continuity of residence is not affected by:

- temporary absences (less than 6 months per year)
- longer absences for compulsory military service
- one absence of 12 consecutive months, for important reasons such as pregnancy and childbirth, serious illness, work, vocational training or a posting to another country.

You can lose your right to permanent residence if you live outside the country for more than 2 consecutive years.



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