

DRIVING IN ITALY



General information to enter/stay in Italy



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Holders of driving licences issued by an EU Member State can drive in Italy (only the category of vehicle for which their licence is valid). It is however advisable to apply for the **conversion** or the **recognition of validity** in order to facilitate procedures regarding renewal or duplicate licence.

During the conversion procedure the original licence is substituted with an Italian licence.

With the **recognition of validity** the driver keeps the original licence.

If you are living and driving in Italy for more than 6 months it is necessary to register the vehicle and pay the registration fee to the competent local authorities.

Car insurance is valid throughout Europe.



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Standard format

Since 2013, all driving licences issued in the EU have a standard format – a **plastic, credit card-sized photocard**, with better security features.

You can **still use your old-style licence**, but it will be changed to the **new format** when you **renew** it (or at the latest by 2033).



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The conversion can also be requested before the administrative validity of the EU driving license expires.

In this case, the driver can choose whether to attribute to the Italian driving license or the residual period of validity, therefore not presenting the medical certificate relating to the confirmation of validity of the category requested in conversion, or whether to obtain a new period of validity, thus attaching to the application the medical certificate required.

Foreign citizens residing in Italy can circulate with their driving license for 1 year if non-EU citizens and for 2 years if European citizens.

After this deadline they must convert the foreign driving license into an Italian driving license. If they do not, the license can be withdrawn by the police.



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EU driving licences issued in exchange for a non-EU licence

If you have exchanged your non-EU licence for an EU licence in the country where you now live, you can drive with it **throughout the EU**.

Non-EU driving licences

If you want to drive in the EU on a licence issued in a country outside the EU, contact the authorities of the country you are visiting, or your embassy or consulate in that country.

Conversion is only possible for licenses issued by foreign states, with which Italy has established reciprocal relations.

PLEASE NOTE: For non-EU countries, the possibility of converting certain types of non-EU driving license models must always be checked in advance at the offices of the Motorization Offices.



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The full translation of the driving license can be done by:

- a) translator and certified with an oath taken before a judicial chancellor or notary (N.B. by translator is meant anyone who is able to carry out a faithful and complete translation of the foreign text);
- b) Consulate with signature of the consular officers legalized in the Prefecture.



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Lost or stolen driving licence

If your driving licence is **lost** or **stolen** while you are travelling abroad, contact the local **police** and your consulate or embassy to report the matter.

Your consulate will contact the national authorities that issued your driving licence (to check it was not restricted, suspended, cancelled or revoked).

On the basis of the information received from the consulate, the police may then issue a **provisional document** that allows you to drive in that country for a limited period of time.

You can only apply for a replacement driving licence in the **country where you have your usual residence**. **Provisional licences and certificates** issued to temporarily replace lost or stolen licences are not automatically recognised in other EU countries.



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Car insurance validity

Your car insurance policy issued in home country covers you throughout the EU **if you injure someone?**

Find out more information about national regulations concerning insurance cover when travelling abroad.

Your car's number plate is **proof that you have liability insurance**. This means that police in another country will not normally stop you to check if you are insured. If you travel with a trailer, it needs to be insured too. In some EU countries you must have separate insurance for a trailer. Check with your insurer before you travel.

Always **take your insurance papers** with you. It may make things easier if you have an accident or are stopped by the police.



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