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General information to enter/stay in Italy



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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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The residence permit EU for long-term resident **is a permanent residence permit, valid as a personal ID for 5 years** (later the applicant may request renewal by producing new photographs);



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WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT EU FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS?

The residence permit EU for long-term residents may be required by foreigners who are holding the following requirements:

- 1) legal residence in Italy for at least **5 years**;
- 2) holding a **valid residence permit**;
- 3) availability of **an income** which annual amount is not less than the annual social income refers to any type of contract (open-ended contract/fixed term contract and even apprenticeships);
- 4) have passed a **test** of knowledge of Italian language.*

* This requirement is not request if the applicant for residence permit EU for long-term residents is the beneficiary of international protection (refugee status or subsidiary protection status).



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WHO CAN NOT APPLY FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT EU FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS?

The residence permit EU for long-term residents, however, may not be required by:

- holders of a **residence permit for study or training***;
- holders of a **residence permit for humanitarian reasons (special cases), or who is under temporary protection***;
- holders of **short-term visas**;
- foreigners that are consider **dangerous to public order or state security**;

*** However, previous periods of possession of these types of permit, except for short-term stays, may be useful in the calculation of length of stay (5 years).**

WHERE YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR THE RESIDENCE PERMIT EU FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS?

The residence permit EU for long-term residents may be required:

–in the Italian Post Offices (Sportello Amico) – through the presentation of a yellow postal kit.



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RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESIDENT PERMIT EU FOR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

The residence permit EU for long-term residents permits:

- ❖ to enter in Italy and in the other countries of EU **without an entry visa**;
- ❖ to carry out **any kind of job or self-employed in Italy**, except those that the law expressly reserves to citizen or prohibits to foreigner;
- ❖ to use the services and benefits provided by the government (**welfare benefits, social security, those relating to field of medical, educational and social assistance, those relating to access to goods and services available to the public, including the access to the procedure for obtaining public housing units**);
- ❖ to participate in local public life.



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