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Work in Italy for: Non-EU nationals



General information to enter/stay in Italy



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Research – “nulla osta”

Non-EU citizens residing abroad and wishing to carry out research projects in Italy for a period longer than 90 days need an Italian government authorization called the “research nulla osta”, which is the first step before applying for the research visa.

The administrative procedure for getting the research **nulla osta** can only be started by an Italian Research Center (e.g. a University or a similar Research Center) that has a previous agreement with the Italian Ministry of Education and Research (MIUR).

A foreign researcher or a private citizen cannot start the application by himself.

For the first step, a non-EU researcher has to apply to the **Visiting Fellow Programme** and contact the **International Coordinator of the Department** he/she wishes to visit and carry out his/her research.

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Regarding the nulla osta procedure, the steps are the following:

- ✓ Firstly, a "**Hosting Agreement**" (**Convenzione d'Accoglienza**) has to be signed between the foreign researcher and the Department at the University, which will be hosting you. Therefore the Department will forward you the "Hosting Agreement", which you will have to sign (two copies) and send back to your host Department.
- ✓ After receiving back the Hosting Agreement signed by you, the Department at the University will formally apply for the Italian Governmental authorization called the "**research nulla osta**", which is the official document that will allow you to apply for the research visa. In order to proceed, you will have to show that you have already booked accommodation (at least one month booking is necessary).

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Regarding the nulla osta procedure, the steps are the following:

- ✓ At this point, after receiving the nulla osta by your Department staff, you are allowed to apply for the research visa (our Embassy will already know your name and details of the nulla osta).
- ✓ After getting the research visa, upon your arrival in Italy, you must apply for the **research residency permit**, within the first 8 days upon your arrival.
- ✓ Finally, after applying for the Italian residency permit (at the post office), while waiting for its release, you are allowed to start working.

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Research - “Residence Permit”

This must then be sent personally to the authorised Post Offices ([Sportello Amico](#)), using the relevant kit available in those post offices.

Authorised institutions and some Municipalities will provide, free of charge and within their institutional remit, information, consultancy and assistance to the foreign national on how to correctly complete the requests to be sent. When the form is sent, the Post Office will issue a receipt bearing two personal identification codes (userid and password) which can be used by the person concerned to follow the state of the application by logging on to the Immigration Portal.

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The Post Office will also provide the person concerned with an appointment date at which time photo-dactyloscopic records will be obtained.

The Police Headquarters will subsequently inform the person concerned when the residence permit will be provided.

Note: for stays due to Research, which refers to a particular category of persons who are particularly qualified, the foreign researcher usually receives further assistance directly from the Italian research institution or university where the research activity will be carried out. Often a dedicated relations and reception service is provided in these institutions to assist in expediting the administrative paperwork required for the stay. Once in Italy, the foreign researcher is invited to make contact with the host institution/university to see if this service is available there.

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Health Insurance

In accordance with art. 34 of the Consolidated Act n. 286/98, the foreign national is obliged to register with the National Health Service (S.S.N.) if the stay is due to Adoption, Employment, Self-Employment and Family Reasons. For other reasons, the foreign national may instead ensure him or herself against illnesses, accidents or for maternity by taking out a specific Insurance Policy or through a voluntary registration with the National Health Service which is also valid for the dependent family members. Voluntary registration with the National Health Service in favour of dependent family members of a foreign national residing for reasons of study or au pair placement is not valid. In this regard, the relevant legislation on health insurance for foreign nationals in Italy is applied, on the basis of international bilateral or multilateral treaties and agreements of reciprocity signed by Italy.



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For Italy, the service is available every Friday (except public holidays) from 10:30 to 12:30 (CET).

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