

Foreign nationals

Foreign nationals - that is non-EU citizens - may enter Italy provided that they hold both a valid passport and, if required, an entry visa issued in their country of origin.

As soon as foreign nationals enter Italy they should apply for a **residence permit** based on the same motivations specified on their entry visa.

A residence permit is not required for business, tourism, short visits or study, provided that the stay does not exceed 3 months.

EU nationals do not need a residence permit to stay in Italy.

- Check online your residence permit Here you can find out whether your residence permit is available for collection.
- Entry Main entry requirements for non-EU nationals who wish to enter Italy.
- Visa Types of visa: who should apply and on what basis.
- Residence permit Where and how to apply.
- Awaiting residence permit How to leave and re-enter Italy when awaiting the issue or renewal of a residence permit.
- EC residence permit for long-term residents Previously known as "carta di soggiorno" (residence card).
- EU Blue Card A special residence permit issued to highly qualified foreign workers, holders of a residence permit for work reasons.
- EU citizens The provisions regulating their stay in Italy.
- Asylum seekers Requirements for the recognition of refugee status.

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