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# Moving Legally to Italy

Moving to Italy is easy no matter what part of the world you are originally from. However, you do have to register yourself legally in Italy. Not having the correct paperwork when you are stopped by the Police can cause you a lot of trouble and even get you thrown out of the country.

Non Italian citizens who are not from the EU need a residents permit to stay beyond their tourist visas. They do not have any automatic right to residency, so have to apply for citizenship if they want to live in Italy on a permanent basis. A relatively long process, but not as complicated as some people think.

All European Union citizens have an automatic right to residency in Italy. However, they have to apply for their residency papers at their local registrar's office. To stay legal you must do this if you want to stay in Italy for more than 3 months.

If you are not an Italian you will be categorised as a tourist or a resident by the authorities. They are relatively strict about non-Italians filling out the right paperwork and registering with the correct authorities. Even tourists need to register their presence in the country at the local police station and obtain a declaration of presence.

To buy most large things in Italy you need your Italian identity card. You can only get it if you apply for residency. You will need it to buy a Italian car, to sign a long-term lease for a home or open a Italian bank account.

In order to drive legally in Italy you have to have an Italian driving licence. This will eventually change for EU citizens, but for now if you are in Italy for more than a year or are driving a non-hire car with Italian plates you need a Italian driving licence.

If you want to get a job in Italy you really need to speak fluent Italian. EU residents who have applied for residency can legally work there. You should register with the central employment exchange. Some workers also need a workers registration book many employers ask even EU nationals for them.

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