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DECRETO FLUSSI NEWS:
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ANNOUNCES THE NUMBER
OF FOREIGN WORKERS
ALLOWED IN ITALY FOR
2023 – 2025



NEW!

Italian government has announced a cap of 450.000 on the number of workers from outside the EEA allowed in Italy for 2023 – 2025. The decree, dated 27 September 2023, has been published on the Official Gazette of October 3rd, 2023.

FOR THE YEAR 2023,
136.000 QUOTAS ARE
AVAILABLE.



Applications for subordinate permit applications for subordinate work reserved to citizens of countries that have cooperation agreements with Italy can be submitted starting from 9am December 2nd, 2023. The rest of subordinate permit applications can be submitted starting from 9am December 4th, 2023 while Seasonal work permit applications can be submitted starting from 9am December 12th, 2023.

QUOTA CATEGORIES

The 136.000 quotas are to be allocated amongst the following categories:

82.550 quotas for Seasonal Work in the sector of agriculture; hospitality and tourism industry reserved to certain nationalities

53.450 quotas (of which 52.770 for subordinate work – work as an employee and 680 for self employment)

In the sectors of freight transportation on behalf of third parties, building, hospitality and tourism, mechanics, telecommunications, food, shipbuilding, transportation of passengers by bus, fishing, hairdressing, electricians, plumbers:



2000 for citizens of countries that promote media campaigns regarding the risks resulting from involvement in irregular migration

25.000 for the following nationalities. Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, South Korea, Ivory Coast, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Philippines, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Jordan, Japan, Guatemala, India, Kirghizistan, Kosovo, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Moldova, Montenegro, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of North Macedonia, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Ukraine,

12.000 for citizens of countries with which Italy will have cooperation agreements



100 quotas (employee/self-employee). For employed or self-employed work. Reserved to foreign nationals who have Italian ancestry and reside in Venezuela

200 quotas (employee/self-employee). For employed or self-employed work. Reserved to stateless persons and refugees

9.500 quotas for workers in the family care and support services.



500 quotas for self-employment for:

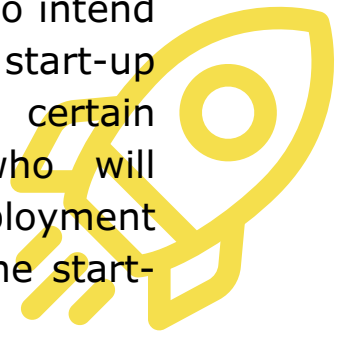
Entrepreneurs intending to implement an investment plan of interest for the Italian economy, involving an investment of at least € 500.000 and creating at least 3 new jobs in Italy



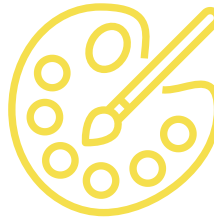
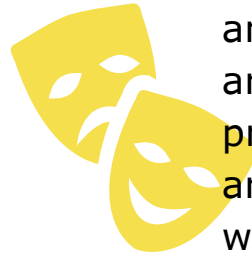
Freelancers/independent contractors who intend to practice: regulated or controlled professions (i.e. individuals belonging to a professional association or enrolled with an official/public register) OR professions that are not non-regulated but are considered representative at national level and included in the lists edited by the Public Administration



Foreign citizens who intend set up innovative start-up companies, under certain conditions and who will have a self-employment relationship with the start-up



Internationally well-known and highest reputation artists, artists of recognised high professional qualification or artists who are hired by well-known Italian theatres, important public institutions, public television or well-known national private televisions (requirements set in Visa Decree May 11, 2011 n.850)



○ Holders of corporate offices or administrative/controlling positions (any of the following: Chairman, CEO, Member of board of directors, Auditor) in an Italian company, active since at least 3 years (requirements set in Visa Decree May 11, 2011 n.850)



Permit conversion – for non-eu nationals already in Italy/eu: 4.000 quotas – from seasonal to standard work permit. For conversions of seasonal work permit to standard, non-seasonal work permit (as an employee)

EU BLUE CARD: NEW RULES FOR THE ENTRY OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED WORKERS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT



NEW RULES ARE COMING FOR THE EU BLUE CARD

The new rules should simplify entry and residence conditions, guarantee more flexibility and facilitate family reunification.

On 16 October 2023, the Italian Council of Ministers definitively approved the legislative decree which implements Directive (EU) 2021/1883 and introduces new rules on the entry and residence of highly qualified foreign nationals (EU Blue Card).

The concerning decree will enter into force after the publication in the Official Gazette.



ABOUT THE BUDGETARY LAW AND THE ITALIAN NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR NON-EU NATIONALS

The Italian Government has approved the draft of the Italian budget law for 2024. In terms of healthcare, it has been introduced a measure in which some non-EU citizens have the option to register for the Italian National Health Service (NHS) by paying an annual contribution of 2,000 euros.



The rule does not affect those who are already compulsorily registered with the NHS, such as individuals with various types of residence permits, unaccompanied foreign minors, and individuals awaiting the issuance of their first residence permit, etc.

The Ministry of Health clarifies that this rule applies to specific categories of non-EU citizens who are not entitled to compulsory registration with the Italian NHS. The categories include students and au pairs staying in Italy for less than 3 months, individuals with a residence permit for elective residence, religious personnel, diplomatic and consular staff, non-EU seconded employees of companies, foreigners participating in volunteer programs, and parents over the age of sixty-five for family reunification.



WARNING ISSUED
BY PH CONSULATE
IN MILAN
REGARDING
ILLEGAL
RECRUITMENT IN
ITALY



In response to the announcement made by the Italian government about the admission of 452,000 foreign nationals for employment over the next three years, the Philippine Consulate is cautioning Filipinos against falling victim to illegal recruitment schemes targeting Italy.

Consul General Elmer Cato, based in Milan, has issued an advisory urging Filipinos to exercise caution due to the potential for unscrupulous individuals to exploit the Italian government's announcement. The consulate's warning comes after the Department of Migrant Workers revealed that more than 200 Overseas Filipino Workers allegedly became victims of two Milan-based companies.

Initial reports indicate that the modus operandi of these agencies involves targeting Filipinos in Italy and offering jobs in Europe to their unemployed relatives in the Philippines. However, victims are allegedly coerced into paying significant processing fees.



The Consul emphasized the consulate's commitment to preventing further victimization, stating, "We do not want any more of our compatriots to fall prey to the predatory practices of certain individuals and agencies here in Milan who may exploit this announcement to defraud others."



The consulate has been actively addressing complaints from Filipinos who have paid exorbitant fees to individuals and agencies in Milan in exchange for non-existent jobs. Cato confirmed that investigations are underway, with efforts focused on gathering evidence, identifying witnesses, and collaborating with local authorities.



ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF ITALIAN PASSPORTS: NEW SCAM UNCOVERED ALLOWING QUEUE-JUMPING



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Five people from an agency based in Milan were investigated for booking fake appointments for the issuance and renewal of Italian passports. Among those booked for passport renewals were fictional names such as Lionel Messi and Donald Duck, as well as the well-known Italian singer Ornella Vanoni.

THE SCALPING MECHANISM SETUP, HOWEVER SIMPLE, EARNED A LOT OF MONEY.”

The agency had the task of hoarding free slots, occupying them – even without having an actual customer – by entering imaginary information. Once the available day was blocked, the agency would resell the appointment, and at the time of payment one employee would delete the slot with the imaginary name and another would immediately rush to book it with the correct data of the paying customer.

We suggest to beware of these kinds of “easy and fast options”. However, it is possible to receive an appointment at short notice for matters of urgency, you will need to present a valid reason (work, plane ticket, or other) justifying the urgency and the priority requested. It is advisable to contact the Passport Office of your Questura of residence for further information.



THE ITALIAN
CONSTITUTION
TURNS 75!

WHY THE YEAR 1948
IS SO IMPORTANT
FOR ITALIAN
CITIZENSHIP?

As the word itself suggests, Italian citizenship by descent is based on a family tie that binds all members of the lineage; it is based on the principle of iure sanguinis (blood right) so any child born from Italian parents can in turn be recognized as an Italian citizen.



However, historically and culturally, this was not possible if the Italian parent was a woman; in fact, children of an Italian woman born before 1948 could not be recognized as Italians. It was with the entry into force of the Italian Constitution in 1948 that the principles of gender equity became concrete and from that date onwards women were also able to pass on citizenship to their children.



DOES THIS ALSO APPLY TO THOSE BORN BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION CAME INTO FORCE?

No time machine was considered at that time; the Constitution is not retroactive, so for those born to an Italian mother before 1948, there is an alternative route. With the Supreme Court ruling that it is unconstitutional to discriminate between men and women, any applicant interested in the recognition of Italian citizenship can only file a lawsuit before the Civil Court in Italy against the Ministry of Interior.



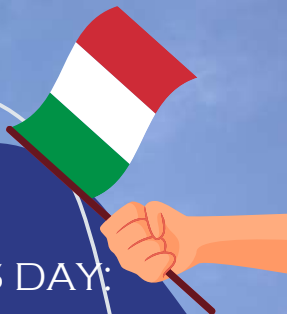
WHY AM I NOT ABLE TO APPLY AT THE ITALIAN CONSULATE?

The Supreme Court's pronouncement does not have the force of a law so in order for Italian Consulates to accept this type of applications a new law is required.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE COURT HEARING?

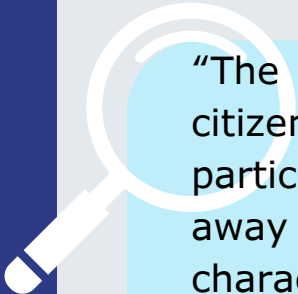
It is possible to file the judicial action from anywhere and it is not necessary to be physically present in Court; our lawyers will represent you in front of the judge and will take care of all the bureaucratic matters.





COLUMBUS DAY:
CELEBRATE YOUR
ITALIAN ROOTS AND
DISCOVER WHAT IT
TAKES TO BE
RECOGNIZED ITALIAN
CITIZEN

AN INTERESTING QUERY REACHED OUR
CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT FEW MONTHS AGO:



“The way I intend to obtain Italian citizenship is by descent. My case is a bit particular, since my Italian ancestor is far away in time, since he was an historical character, for that reason, there is a certain amount of material to document the bond. My 15th grandfather was Cristopher Columbus, so I am looking for information on the probability that the application can be accepted.”



WHY IS COLUMBUS DAY
CELEBRATED?



Every year a huge number of Italian Americans gather to celebrate Columbus Day, better known as the symbolic day on which Christopher Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo) first touched the American soil.

As well as the Italian voyager, many people have left Italy over the years and emigrated abroad, giving rise to numerous descendants. You may have Italian roots without knowing it!



HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF I HAVE ITALIAN ANCESTORS?



Fortunately, you won't need an history expert but genealogists instead: people specialized in the field of research who can help you trace your Italian roots.

Otherwise, if you are a master of digital searching, please know that there are a lot of national and local archives spread into the web linked to documents such as Census records, passengers' list, Naturalization papers etc...



WHAT DOES EXPATRIATION DATE MEAN AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP?



The expatriation date marks the day/month in which your Italian ancestor reached the foreign country.

Knowing this detail is a huge resource of information, useful for the purpose of citizenship process:

- the event that the ancestor is known to the descendants with a different name, the original Italian name can be traced back to the first arrival registers.
- in the sheets showing the first entry, it is possible to find out if the ancestor arrived in the foreign country alone or along with his family. It will be also possible to discover the composition of it and acquire as many details as possible.



WHAT DOCUMENT DO I NEED
TO SEARCH FOR?



In the United States, for example, you may search the List or manifest of alien passengers. This document contains all the information and dates related to the traveler and his family.

Warning and tips:

At the end of 19th century, beginning of the 20th century, ship passengers' lists were handwritten, and often Italian names were misunderstood by foreign officers. Therefore, pay attention to the calligraphy and check if there are alternative spellings.



DID YOU REACH THIS LAST
LEVEL?



Contact our citizenship department for a preliminary assessment of your eligibility, we will be glad to guide you into this journey towards the Italian citizenship by descent.



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