

ELECTIVE RESIDENCY VISA

General Information and Step by Step guide

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The elective residency visa (visto per residenza elettiva) grants entrance to Italy to individuals who have a solid economic situation allowing them to live in Italy without the need to work.

These individuals may include for example retired people and persons wishing to reside permanently in Italy and who can demonstrate a stable and adequate pension income and/or financial resources, high self-sustaining incomes and financial assets.

Money must come from substantial and steady economic resources, **with guaranteed continuity in the future**. Such resources may come from important incomes (pensions, annuities, etc.), ownership of real estate, ownership of steady economic activities, etc. **except subordinate work**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The bearer of an Elective Residency visa **IS NOT ALLOWED TO WORK** within Europe.
- The Elective Residency Visa **IS NOT an extended tourist visa**. It is a visa for people who legitimately wish to live in Italy and can afford doing it without the need to work.

STEP 1: ONLINE BOOKING

Go to our [Booking Online webpage](#) and follow instructions to book an appointment for visa.

STEP 2: WHAT TO BRING TO OUR OFFICES

- A completed National visa application form, to be downloaded from our [Forms webpage](#);
- A valid Australian passport (which has at least 15 months of validity from the intended date of travel);
- A valid return ticket or a valid one way ticket and sufficient funds to purchase a return ticket;
- Proof of financial means: documented and detailed guarantee of substantial and steady private income (pension or annuity) deriving from property, stable economic and commercial activities or from other sources. The amount required is of at least EUR 2,600.00 per adult requesting the visa, per month; **Please note that this visa does not allow any work activities in Italy. Therefore you cannot finance your residence in Italy through any type of work;**
- Proof of lodging: contract of purchase/leasing of house or apartment in Italy. The leasing contract must be duly registered at the Italian Taxation Office (Agenzia delle Entrate). No invitation letter fulfills this requirement. Please note that ownership of a yacht or other type of boat does not fulfill the requirement either.
- If applicable, originals of marriage certificate for the spouse and birth certificates for the children (plus 1 copy of each certificate);
- Insurance policy valid in all Schengen area for 12 months;
- Two (2) passport-size photos;

- A consular fee must be paid at the time of application, and will not be refunded should the visa be denied. This payment will have to be CASH ONLY and you may refer to our [Consular Fees webpage](#) for more information;
- Simple copy of the applicants Australian passports.

STEP 3: WHAT TO DO IN ITALY

Within 8 working days of arrival in Italy, the holder of the “elective residency visa” must go to the “**Questura**” (Police Station) in the province where the applicant intends to reside in order to apply for the “**permesso di soggiorno per residenza elettiva**” (elective residency permit).