

# ELECTIVE RESIDENCE

*(Visto per Residenza Elettiva)*

**The Elective Residence is a specific Visa category designed for individuals who want to move to Italy on a permanent basis. It is not meant for an extended travel (more than 90 days).**

- **Duly filled Visa Application Form.** Please note that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport). The form must be dated and signed in front of a Visa Officer. Use **Visa Application from the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia** (do not use forms for Embassy or other Consulates). Print legibly physical and e mail address.
- **1 Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2") not older than 6 months**, on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted.
- **Valid passport plus 1 copy of the page with photograph and expiration date.** The passport or travel document must be valid at least 3 months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least a blank page to affix the visa sticker.
- **Original and copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g. utility bills, bank statements, etc.).
- **Proof of financial means:** documented and detailed guarantee of substantial and steady resources. Evidence of such assets might be submitted (but not limited to) as bank statements, investment funds, real estate ownership, pensions, annuity, or a stable income coming from entrepreneurial or commercial activities. **Please note that this visa does not allow any type of employment neither in the US or in Italy.**
- **Proof of housing:** proof of property ownership in Italy (title, finalized sale contract) or rental lease for over a year. Both documents must be registered to the "Agenzia delle Entrate" (Italian IRS).
- A signed **declaration/cover letter** where you can explain in details your background, socio-economic/professional situation, and intentions for when in Italy. You must state that you are not and you will not be part of any employment activities.
- **If applicable**, originals of marriage certificate for the spouse and birth certificates for the children (plus 1 copy of each certificate);
- **Confirmed flight reservation**
- **Proof of overseas health insurance covering 100% of all medical expenses. The policy must show** the list of benefits covered abroad including hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation and repatriation of remains for a minimum of \$30,000. If you cannot obtain the above mentioned declaration or you do not have a compliant health insurance policy, then you must show proof of purchase of an Italian health insurance, **OR** present a notarized **Affidavit of Overseas Health Insurance Coverage** (under "forms") stating you will purchase an Italian insurance policy upon your arrival in Italy, before registering with the local Police dept. Questura.
- **Visa fee** (non refundable) in the form of Money Order, payable to the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia, with applicant's name and address on the money order;
- **Return envelope:** required if applicant cannot pick up passport with the visa in person. Please provide **postage paid, self addressed envelope** with tracking number plus mailing disclaimer form. Take care to fill out mail label completely with all required information.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** within eight days of entry into Italy, the applicant must report to the local Police Authorities (*QUESTURA*) to obtain a Permit of Stay (*PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO*)

**N.B. This consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed, in addition to what is submitted. Furthermore, the applicant is hereby informed that submitting all required documentation does not guarantee the issuance of any particular visa.**