

ELECTIVE RESIDENCE *(Residenza elettiva)*

The residency visa (*visto per residenza elettiva*) allow entrance into Italy to individuals who belong in one of the following categories and it does not allow the applicant to work

Ex Italian citizens: Before you apply for the visa, it is mandatory to submit to the Citizenship Office of this Consulate General the following documentation:

- 1) *birth certificate*
- 2) *U.S. certificate of naturalization*
- 3) *Valid U.S. passport and driver's license.*

Retired persons and Persons wishing to reside permanently in Italy and who can demonstrate a stable and adequate pension income and financial resources, with high self-sustaining incomes and financial assets.

Money must come of wide economic resources, substantial and steady, with guaranteed continuity in the future. Such resources, must come from the ownership of large sources of incomes (pensions, annuities, etc), ownership of real estate, ownership of steady economic activity or from other sources except subordinate work.

- **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 before a Visa Officer.
- **Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2")**, 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;
- **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 private income (pension or annuity) deriving from property, stable economic and commercial activities or from other sources . **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;
- **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;**
- **Visa fee** (non refundable) in the form of cash or 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. Carefully complete mailing label 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.