

RECOGNITION OF STUDY QUALIFICATIONS IN ITALY

How to have your qualifications obtained overseas recognised

In Italy, there are two types of study qualification recognition:
Academic recognition and PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Italian law recognises the Lisbon Recognition Convention, which reaffirms the responsibility of universities and university teaching institutions to recognise periods of study carried out overseas and foreign study qualifications. Italy has entrusted the task of providing information on qualification recognition procedures in Italy to CIMEA (Information Centre on Academic Mobility and Equivalence).

IF YOU HAVE A UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATION THAT WAS OBTAINED OVERSEAS AND YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN AN ITALIAN QUALIFICATION, YOU MUST REQUEST FOR ITS RECOGNITION IN ITALY.



HOW CAN I HAVE QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNISED?

- With a work permit or permit for family purposes, you can request the recognition of qualifications by submitting a request to a public or legally recognised university;
- You will need to attach the foreign qualifications (study certificates, subjects taken and grades) certified by the authorities of their country of origin, and translated;
- You will need to request a "declaration of value" from the Italian consulate of the country that issued the qualification;
- 12 years of study are required to be admitted to an Italian university;
- The application will be assessed by the university that may ask you to take supplementary exams, as well as completing the degree thesis;
- When you have passed the exams and completed the degree thesis, you will obtain the Italian qualification;
- If you wish to enrol in a professional register, you will need to pass the professional qualification exam.

USEFUL CONTACTS

[HERE](#) you can find the universities that are recognised in Italy;

If you want more information on the recognition of qualifications, you can ask the [Assistance centre](#)



PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

In Italy, professions are divided into two big categories:

- professions that are **"regulated"** by law;
- professions that are **"not"** regulated.



PROFESSIONS "REGULATED" BY LAW

The law stipulates:

- The study qualification for the necessary theoretical training;
- The mandatory requirements for practising the profession (internships and/or state exams for professional qualification);
- The professional ethics rules (the set of behavioural rules and the ethics code for a certain professional category).

HOW TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION FOR THE PROFESSIONS "REGULATED" BY LAW?

- You must submit a request to the competent Ministry (Ministry of Justice, of Health, etc.) that will examine the case.
- The competent Ministry may directly recognise the qualifications submitted or request that they are supplemented by an internship or exams.
- Recognition will be granted by decree, once some tests have been passed.
- After recognition, within two years, you must enrol in the professional register for carrying out the profession in Italy.

If you have obtained an authorisation for working in Italy, even outside of the entry quotas established by the Flow Decree (as in the case of professional nurses), you may ask for this recognition even if you are still overseas.

PROFESSIONS THAT ARE "NOT REGULATED"

It is not necessary to possess a specific study qualification and obtain legal recognition to join the Italian labour market.

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