

STUDYING ITALIAN AND WORKERS' RIGHT TO STUDY

The chance to attend free Italian courses for foreigners.



LEARNING ITALIAN IS USEFUL:

- For informing yourself and better communicating with others: at school, at work, in public offices, at the doctor, etc.
- In order to attain the 30 credits stipulated by the **Integration Agreement**. Italian law in fact stipulates that those over 16 years of age who request a permit to stay for at least 1 year must sign the Integration Agreement, under which the foreign citizen undertakes to participate in the economic and social life of the country, including by learning Italian.
- To request the EU permit for long-term residents. In the documents to be attached to the request, you need to submit the certificate of basic knowledge of Italian.
- To obtain Italian citizenship by residence or marriage, for which a knowledge of Italian of at least the B1 level is required.

The school system and various associations offer different possibilities for attending free Italian courses for foreigners.



TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF KNOWLEDGE OF ITALIAN, YOU MAY:

• ATTEND COURSES

Italian courses at the Provincial Centres for Adult Education (CPIA)

The CPIAs offer free Italian courses that also cover issues that concern the rights and duties of the citizen.

Adults with Italian citizenship, who are of working age, even if already holding qualifications obtained in their countries of origin, can enrol in the courses.

At the end of the course, you may obtain an A2 certificate of knowledge of Italian, which is useful for obtaining the long-term permit to stay. The CPIAs also offer courses to obtain the B1 level.

Lessons are held at different times (morning, afternoon, pre-evening and evening) to allow everyone to attend the courses. The courses start in September or October: it is best to enrol by June because there are often waiting lists; if, instead, there are still places available, it is possible to start attending the courses during the year, even if the course has already started.

• ASSOCIATION ITALIAN COURSES

You may attend an Italian language course for foreigners at an association as well.

Some offer specific training in order to obtain the A2 and B1 Italian knowledge certification, which requires passing a final exam.

• ENROL ONLINE IN THE ITALIAN TEST

People who already have a good level of Italian, may enrol online in the Italian test stipulated by law. By passing the test, you can obtain the valid credits for the Integration Agreement and ask for the EU permit to stay for long-term residents.

WORKERS' RIGHT TO STUDY: STUDY PERMITS

Workers have the right to study. In particular, the law and collective agreements provide some incentives:

STUDENT WORKERS

Whoever enrolls in a study course in primary, secondary, or professional qualification schools HAS THE RIGHT to some incentives:

- they do not have to do overtime;
- they have the right to shifts that allow them to attend courses;
- they have the right to paid daily leave for exam days.

THE "150 HOURS"

The main collective agreements provide for study permits with the purpose of improving one's education.

To be entitled to one, the overall length of the course must be at least double in relation to the hours of paid leave requested and the course must be undertaken at legally recognised institutions.

Foreign workers who attend Italian language courses have the right to a greater number of hours according to their employment contract.

EDUCATION LEAVE

Education leave is the chance for workers to obtain a permit to study for a period of 11 months, continuous or broken up. Those who have accumulated at least 5 years of seniority of service at the same company or public administration are entitled to it.

Education leave may be requested to obtain the junior high school certificate, high school certificate or degree, or to attend training activities other than those held or financed by an employer.

During your education leave, your job will be held for you. You are not entitled to be paid.

CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

In all production sectors, there are funds, established through agreements between the labour organisations of workers and employers, which promote the professional retraining of workers who are already employed and the requalification of workers at risk of unemployment.

If an employer belongs to one of these funds by paying their contribution, the workers who have received news of their dismissal may also participate in training courses.

USEFUL CONTACTS



- The updated list of the Provincial Centres for Adult Education (CPIA) can be found in the database: [Scuola in chiaro](#) of Miur.
- Here is the link for the Italian test: <https://portaleservizi.dlci.interno.it/>

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