

Requirements for immigrants leaving Italy temporarily

Foreigners awaiting **renewal of their residence permits** can leave and re-enter Italy if they hold:

- the receipt issued by Italian Post offices (Poste Italiane S.p.A) certifying the submission of the application for renewal of their residence permit or EC residence permit for long-term residents;
- the expired residence permit;
- their passport or other equivalent travel document .

The same facilitated procedure is granted to foreigners who have submitted their application for their **first** residence permits for **employment, self-employment, or family reunification**, provided that:

- they leave and re-enter Italy through any Italian external border crossing point (circular letter 11th March 2009);
- they show their passport or other equivalent travel document, along with the entry visa specifying the reasons of their stay (employment, self-employment, or family reunification) and the receipt issued by Italian Post offices (Poste Italiane S.p.A.);
- they do not transit through other Schengen countries, as this is not allowed.

The circular letter (pdf 35 Kb) of 27 June 2007 states that foreigners who have **children under the age of 14** may request the Questura to issue a temporary residence permit with limited validity. This document will contain the personal details of the children who will then be allowed to leave Italy temporarily.

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