

CONSOLATO D'ITALIA DETROIT



ELECTIVE RESIDENCE

Please be advised that the elective residency visa is intended for persons who wish to reside **permanently** in Italy and who can demonstrate high self-sustaining income and financial assets and can demonstrate a steady and adequate income (not deriving from subordinate work) and other financial resources.

The elective residency visa is **NOT** intended for extended tourism, nor is it for joining family members or friends who have accepted temporary jobs in Italy.

Individuals who receive an elective residency visa **are not allowed to work** in Italy and must be able to sustain themselves from their existing financial assets, such as annuities, stocks, pensions, bonds, and so forth.

The Consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request other documents in addition to those submitted by the applicant. The latter is hereby informed that submitting the documents specified below does not guarantee issuance of a visa.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BRING TO YOUR VISA APPOINTMENT:

- ✓ **Visa Application Form:** form must be duly filled out, but not signed. Applicant will sign the form in the presence of a Consular official;
- ✓ **Photograph:** photo must be of standard passport size and recently taken, front view and on white background;
- ✓ **Passport:** must bring original plus 1 photocopy.
- ✓ **Driver's License or State ID:** must bring the original license plus 1 photocopy;
- ✓ **Proof of financial means:** documented and detailed guarantee of substantial and stable private income (minimum yearly income of 31,000 euro) originating from pensions, annuities, income properties or investment funds and income from stable economic and commercial activities. Income deriving from work related activities will not be taken into consideration.

Provide proof of income in the form of official letters from banks, financial consultants, financial institutions, US Social Security offices, etc. attesting to the exact amount of monthly/yearly income and a copy of the last 2 years of your income Tax Return.

- ✓ **Proof of lodging:** Duly registered lease, rental contract, or deed for a property;
- ✓ **Visa fee** (non refundable) payable in the form of Money Order or cashier's check, made out to the Consulate of Italy in Detroit;
- ✓ **Return envelope:** Prepaid and self-addressed envelope with tracking (UPS, USPS, Fed Ex).

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