



Ambasciata d'Italia in Wellington

ELECTIVE RESIDENCY VISA APPLICATION

Citizens and Permanent Residents of New Zealand, Tuvalu, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, Kiribati and Pitcairn, can, in some cases, apply for an Elective Residency Visa to Italy to the Embassy of Italy in Wellington.

This visa is issued for 1 year, it is not renewable and does not permit any work.

Please note that this visa is intended for people that wish to live in one specific location in Italy where they will establish their residency. It is not intended for people who wish to tour different areas of Italy as it is not a tourist visa.

Elective Residency Visas are only issued on exceptional grounds; applicants are therefore requested to make contacts with the consular office wellington.cons@esteri.it prior to submit an application.

If the pre-assessment is positive, the formal visa application will have to be submitted by post. In order to lodge an application, applicants are required to post to the Embassy (PO box 463, 6140) the following documentation:

- [National Visa Application Form](#); the application must be signed in front of a Justice of the Peace (JP);
- A valid passport with at least 90 days validity after the visa expiry date (the passport must have a blank page on which the visa will be affixed);
- 1 recent passport-style photo;
- Full flight itinerary including border of entry into Italy;
- Proof of Payment of the visa processing fee (i.e. screenshot of your bank account). Payment is required by bank transfer. Please note that the amount of the visa processing fee changes from quarter to quarter. The applicant is advised to check the correct amount to be paid and our bank details [at this link](#) (Please pay amount for National Visa);
- Prepaid self-addressed courier envelope with attached "Courier with Signature" label (to be purchased separately). For Rural deliveries please include also a "Rural Delivery label" (also purchased separately).
- Documented and extensive financial resources that show stable and regular income from sources other than current employment and access to a minimum of 31 000 Euro per applicant;
- Accommodation for the entire stay in Italy either in the form of ownership of a house or of rental contract.
- Travel insurance that covers a minimum of EURO 30 000 for emergency medical expenses.

Please note that our visa officers reserve the right to request additional documentation to support a visa application.

Visas can take up to 30 days to process once a complete application is submitted and if there are no setbacks. We encourage applicants to apply two months in advance before their intended date of departure.

Please note that within 8 working days of arrival in Italy, the holder of the "Elective Residency" visa must go to the nearest "Questura" (Police and Immigration Station) and apply for a "permesso di soggiorno" (residence permit).