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BREXIT DEADLINE: CAN I STILL APPLY FOR RESIDENCY?

Q What is the latest advice for anyone considering Italian residency from the UK? With the Brexit deadline fast approaching, would it be advisable to arrange it before the 31st of December? How should we go about it?

A If you are considering taking up Italian residency in the near future, it is advisable to consider becoming resident in Italy before the deadline of 31 December 2020. The UK left the European Union on 1 February 2020, but the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the European Union set up a transition period, which ends on 31 December 2020. During the transition period the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States remains applicable to UK citizens and their family members. In particular, UK citizens who were already resident in Italy on 31 January 2020 can ask their local Town Hall Offices for the residency registration certificate (*certificato di iscrizione anagrafica*) to support their residency status with documentary evidence. Those who were not resident in Italy on 1 February 2020 can still become resident in Italy by registering at the relevant Municipality offices of the town where they intend to reside. The Town Hall office will check the suitability of the application and will also arrange for an officer to visit the chosen accommodation within 45 days of registration. The applicant must prove they have suitable accommodation when submitting the application. This must be "habitable" (fit for use by a person and/or family) and the applicant must be entitled to live there (through ownership, rental or rental-free contract - as a guest). The accommodation can also be a hotel or a B&B or similar facilities.

If the application is approved, the applicant can request the residency confirmation certificate (*Attestazione di iscrizione anagrafica*). If you are registered as an Italian resident before 31 December 2020, you will be entitled to access healthcare in Italy for as long as you remain legally resident. UK nationals are entitled to an S1 form - issued by the UK if they receive a UK State Pension or other specific benefits. In some cases it may be appropriate (and sometimes required) to take out private health insurance while you are still in the process of finalising your residency status and to retain private insurance cover for treatments and services not provided for free by the National Health Service.



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Give yourself Molise

A small comune in Molise received more than 8,000 applications after announcing an offer of free holidays. The village of San Giovanni in Galdo began a campaign called 'Give Yourself Molise', offering 40 free week-long stays in homes in the area between July and September. The cultural association behind the project, Friends of the Murelle, came up with the idea to help Italian and foreign visitors discover this beautiful region in this year of 'zero tourism'. The initiative launched in June and the organisers were immediately swamped with interest from all over the world. There are hopes that the scheme may be adopted by other villages in 2021.

Theresa Smith



Italia! recommends

Explore a much-loved Italian brand, a new hotel in Puglia and an Italian supper club in London



CASA MARTINI

www.visitcasamartini.com

Outside Turin, in the small village of Pessione, sits Casa Martini, the hub of the brand since 1864. The visitor centre has now reopened with the opportunity to take a tour of the distillery and the Martini museum, ending up in the tasting room with a guided sampling. Tickets €15.



PARAGON 700

www.paragon700.com

Newly opened, this boutique hotel in Ostuni has 22 artfully decorated rooms and suites. Set in the heart of Puglia's White City, it has a relaxing spa, restaurant and outdoor pool. Rates start from €300 per night, for two people sharing a room on a B&B basis.



NEW SUPPER CLUB, DA HENRIETTA

www.henriettahotel.com

Henrietta Hotel, the elegant 16-room farmhouse in Covent Garden opens its doors to its Henrietta, their new restaurant celebrating the food of the Italian west coast, with a menu inspired by the rich cuisine of Liguria, Toscana, Lazio, Basilicata, Campania and Calabria.

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