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## **LONG-TERM RESIDENT'S EC RESIDENCE PERMIT: NEW RULES CONCERNING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE**

Starting December 9<sup>th</sup> 2010, law will require the knowledge of Italian language. In fact, in order to obtain the long-term resident's EC residence permit, it will be compulsory to pass an Italian language test and obtain a level corresponding to the A2 level in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Applicants will have to register online at [www.testitaliano.interno.it](http://www.testitaliano.interno.it) in order to take the test. In 60 days they will receive a communication from Prefettura (Prefecture), stating day, time and place in which the test will be held. The test could be written or performed with IT and it will be focused on the comprehension of short texts and on interaction ability, according to the standards used by 4 Certification authorities (University for Foreigners of Siena, University of Rome 3, University for Foreigners of Perugia, Società Dante Alighieri). Applicants scoring 80% of the maximum score will pass the test and will have the chance to lodge an application for being granted the long-term resident's EC residence permit. The result of the test will be available at the website: [www.testitaliano.interno.it](http://www.testitaliano.interno.it).

Citizens who satisfy the following conditions are not supposed to take the test:

- a) children under 14 years old;
- b) people in possession of a certificate released by the public health authority attesting serious limitations to language learning skills;
- c) people in possession of a certificate issued by one of the four Certification authorities or by Centri provinciali per l'istruzione degli adulti (Provincial centres for adults' education), attesting the level A2 of knowledge of Italian language;
- d) people in possession of an Italian upper secondary school or lower secondary school diploma;
- e) students of Italian Universities (MA, BA, PhD students);
- f) people who entered in Italy with a visa under the clause 27, comma 1, T.U., as manager or high-skilled worker, lecturer destined to carry out an academic assignment in Italy, translator, interpreter or correspondent officially accredited in Italy, and developing one of the activities listed by the article.

Those who want to attend an Italian language course should thus check that it is part of a system aiming to the issue of the certification of the knowledge of Italian language (level A2) rather than just giving a certificate of attendance.

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