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Migration – A pilgrimage to welfare

Interview with the Police Inspector of our Town, Mr. Nardi

What is the criteria underlying legislation concerning citizenship?

Italian citizenship is mainly based on “*ius sanguinis*” (right of blood), according to which a child born to an Italian mother or father is Italian; at present the issue of citizenship is governed by Law n. 91 of 5th February 1992, as subsequently amended by the provisions of Law n. 94 of 15th July 2009.

On which principles is Italian citizenship based?

- Citizenship can be transmitted by descent “*iure sanguinis*”
- Acquisition “*iure soli*” (by birth on the territory) in given cases
- Dual citizenship is recognised
- Explicit statement of will is necessary to acquire or lose citizenship
- Granting of citizenship
- Granting of the Italian citizenship to foreign citizens married to Italian citizens and to foreign citizens who reside in Italy

Which are the steps to obtain the Italian citizenship following marriage to an Italian citizen?

According to article 5 of Law n.91 of 5th February 1992, citizenship can be granted following marriage, provided the following conditions are met:

- The foreign must be married to an Italian citizen for at least 2 years and he/she must have his/her legal residence in a municipality of the Province for at least 2 years from the date of the marriage. Legal residence means that the applicant must be enrolled in the register of the population and at the same time he/she must hold a valid permit to stay.
- If the spouses reside abroad, the application can be submitted 3 years after the date of the marriage.
- The above periods are reduced by half if the spouses have natural or adopted children.

After how long can citizenship be granted?

According to article 9 of Law n. 91 of 5th February 1992, citizenship can be granted:

- To a foreign who has legally resided for at least 10 years on the Italian territory
- To an European Union national, provided he/she has legally resided for at least 4 years on the Italian territory
- To a stateless person or to a refugee who has legally resided for at least 5 years on the Italian territory

- To a foreign whose father or mother or one of his/her grandfathers or grandmothers had been citizen by birth or to a foreign who was born on the territory of the Republic and who has been legally residing there for at least 3 years, in both cases.
- To a foreign of full age adopted by an Italian citizen and who has legally resided on the Italian territory for at least 5 years after the adoption.
- To a foreign who served the Italian State, even from abroad, for at least 5 years.
- According to article 16, a foreign who is recognised as refugee by Italy enjoys the same status of stateless persons in view of the granting of citizenship.

What does “legally reside” mean?

It means that you must legally work and you must at least earn 5000 € par year without having problems with law.

What are the conditions which allow to a foreign to come to Italy?

A foreign can come to Italy for tourism and for work. For tourism a foreign can stay not more than 3 months a year.

Instead, to obtain a permission of work the foreign must fill in a migration form on line that is published every December. In this form you must declare who will give you work. But at the same time the person who gives work must declare it to the Italian embassy. At this point the embassy gives a visa and the workers can come to Italy. Here the workers must regularize the contract to the Police.

Moreover, agricultural workers can stay not more than 9 months while other workers can stay not more than 12 months.

How can a foreign rejoin his/her family in Italy?

To rejoin his/her family the foreign must demonstrate to earn more than 5000 € and grant a comfortable accommodation as to the criterias of the Town Hall.

What are the objectives of the migrants policies?

Migration policies have two main objectives: to ensure order and public safety through combating illegal immigration; to ease regular immigrants' reception and integration thus guaranteeing social cohesion.

What are the local policies of our Town?

In the Town Hall there is a section of social services for immigrants that gives the following facilities:

- Sanitary assistance, accommodation, consulence on immigrants problems.
- Programs of school integration.
- Supply of school fees.
- Management about temporary accommodation center.
- Professional training courses for family assistant.

What are the national policies of Italy?

The “Civis Project – towards a multiracial society” has been started by the Ministry of the Interior in compliance with the European programmes regarding immigration.

This is a three-year-project, consisting in a series of initiatives for the promotion of the integration of immigrants, elaborated by RAI (Italian Broadcasting Corporation), financially supported by the European Union with the resources of the structural Fonds 2000/2006 in the framework of the Programme for the Security and Development of the South, approved by the Commission of the European Union.

On the website of the RAI (Italian Broadcasting Corporation) there are two sections devoted to the children from 4 to 10 years, and to the Italian and foreign citizens (www.cittadiniimmigrati.rai.it)

The purposes:

- to help the non- EU migrants, by means of specific multi-medial supports, to get integrated into our country
- to inform the Italian citizens in order to create a new awareness of the multiracial society
- to widespread a new image of the migrants among the public opinion, by explaining their contribution from the point of view of the work, as well as at the economic and demographic level, with the purpose of underlining the importance of their presence in our country
- to inform about the new social action carried out by the Ministry of the Interior.

The addressees:

- adults of Italian nationality so that, by means of a correct information activity:
 - they completely understand the complex framework of immigration and can contribute to the process of integration of the several ethnic groups.
 - they get to know the activity of the Ministry of the Interior aiming, on the one hand, at limiting the flows of illegal immigration and in particular the herewith connected criminal activities, and, on the other hand, at ensuring adequate living standards to the legal immigration
- adult immigrants as a whole, so that, also thanks to the initiatives expressly addressed to them, they can overcome the integration difficulties in our country
- the children of Italian nationality, so that they can get in touch, since their infancy, also with the persons who don't belong to their same culture or to their same ethnic group
- the immigrant children so that, even by means of the initiatives expressly concerning them, they can get to know the cultural and reference codes of the receiving country, by getting gradually integrated into the Italian society