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Brexit: Important News for UK Citizens Residing in Italy

The Brexit transition period provided for by the Withdrawal agreement between the EU and the UK is due to expire in less than 10 days and the Italian Government has finally issued the guidelines for the obtainment of residence permits for UK nationals registered as residents in Italy within December 31, 2020. British citizens who have registered their residence (*iscrizione anagrafica*) with the Municipality (*Comune*) of the Italian city where they are living and have secured their legal position and immigration status to continue to enjoy the rights they are entitled to as European citizens, even after the expiration of the Brexit transition period, shall now follow the administrative steps described below in order to obtain a residence permit for Italy (and the same applies for their family members who have joined them in Italy or are going to join them even after January 1, 2021):

- obtain from the Italian Municipality where they are registered as residents a registration certificate stating that they have been registered with the Register of the resident population (*Anagrafe*) before December 31, 2020;
- apply for a residence permit in electronic format by filing an application to the competent Police station (*Questura*) of the place where they are registered as residents;
- undertake the fingerprinting at the Police station and wait for the issuance of the final residence permit.

The documents that are required to file the application are (i) a valid passport, (ii) the certificate of registration issued by the competent Municipality, (iii) proof of payment of the required tax stamps and government fees for the processing of the residence permit application and (iv) 4 passport-size photos.



Starting from January 1, 2021, UK citizens who have been officially residing and registered as residents in Italy shall book an appointment with the competent Police station to submit the application for the obtainment of the residence permit they are entitled to on the basis of the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU.

The electronic residence permit they can obtain will have a duration of 5 years in case the UK citizen has been residing in Italy for less than 5 continuous years (it will be then called "*carta di soggiorno*") or will have a duration of 10 years should the UK citizen have been residing in Italy for 5 or more uninterrupted years (in such a case, it will be called "*carta di soggiorno permanente*").

More information can be found by consulting the vademecum of the Ministry of the Interior available at the following www.interno.gov.it/sites/default/files/2020-12/vademecum_brexit_en.pdf.

LCA Corporate Immigration Team is available to provide assistance with the process for the obtainment of the electronic residence permit for UK citizen in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement as well as to provide consultation with any related matter.

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