

application, but it may take longer. Here again, if the visa application is rejected, you have the right to appeal to the pertinent court.

## How much does it cost?

- Stamps.
- Costs for any translation and legalisation of documents certifying the family relationship.
- **DNA** test if you are reunited with your minor child and there are no other valid documents to establish a **family relationship**.
- Visa.
- Travel tickets to Italy.

## Where can I get more information?

- You can find more useful information on the website [www.ricongiungimento.it](http://www.ricongiungimento.it).



Visit the website:

[www.ricongiungimento.it](http://www.ricongiungimento.it)

For more information:



**FNFEDERNOTAI**  
Il Sindacato dei Notai Italiani

[www.federnotai.it/iohodiritto](http://www.federnotai.it/iohodiritto)



Tel. 06441609 225/233/260  
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# FamilyFIRST

in Italia insieme  
alla tua famiglia



Family reunification  
for beneficiaries  
of international protection

# What is Family Reunification?

Family reunification is a procedure that allows you to bring your family members to Italy in a legal, safe way.



## Which family members can come to Italy?

You can request reunification with the following family members:

- **Spouse** (husband or wife) not legally separated and not younger than 18, or civil partner (in Italy or abroad), foreigner and not resident in Italy;
- **Minor** children, adopted, entrusted, protected, including of the spouse or born out of wedlock, unmarried, provided that the other parent, if any, has given his/her consent.
- Dependent adult children if they are unable to meet their own basic needs for valid reasons and are totally disabled;
- Dependent **parents** up to the age of 65, if they have no other children in their country of origin or provenance;
- Dependent parents over 65 years of age, if they also have other children but are unable to support themselves due to documented, serious health reasons.

If you are under 18 and you are alone, separated from your parents or other family members who take care of you and you have been recognised as a refugee in Italy, you have the right to reunite with your parents regardless of their age and condition.

## What do I need to be able to ask for family reunification?

- A residence permit: it must be valid or being renewed. In this case, the request must have been made within **60 days** of the expiry.
- A passport or travel document (if available).
- Documentation proving family relationships, age of the minor and family status (if available)

As you are subject to international protection, you are not required to meet the income and housing eligibility requirements of other non-EU foreign nationals.

## How can I initiate the family reunification procedure?

The procedure consists of two steps: application for **Clearance** at the **Immigration Desk** of the pertinent Prefecture and then application for a visa from Italian representation abroad.

To get the clearance, you must:

- Get a **SPID digital identity** (you can get it at an Italian post office).
- Buy a € 16 stamp.
- Use the **SPID** to access the appropriate section of the website [www.nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it](http://www.nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it), complete the application online and enter the number of the stamp in your possession;

You will then be summoned to your local **Immigration Desk**, where you will need to bring the following documents:

- Original of the stamp whose number you entered in the online application.
- Another € 16 stamp to be affixed to the **Clearance**.
- Your residence permit and a photocopy of it.
- A photocopy of the documents of the family members to be reunited (if available).

For the verification of family relationships you can bring a combined certificate of family status and residence (even in the form of a self-certification).

Once you have obtained the **Clearance**, you must send the original document to the family member to be reunited, who must go to the pertinent Italian diplomatic office to apply for a visa, which in the meantime will have received it electronically from the **Immigration Desk**.

You will also receive a written communication with the telephone number of the **Immigration Desk** you can contact to arrange the next meeting of your family member. In fact, from the moment your family member enters Italy, you will have 8 days to contact the **Immigration Desk** to schedule a meeting to apply for a residence permit.

## How long does it take?

If you do everything correctly and your application is accepted, within **90 days** from the date of submission you will have the Clearance needed to proceed with family reunification.

If for some reason the application for Clearance is not accepted but you believe you are entitled to it, you can appeal to the ordinary court (Specialised Section) of your place of residence.

The law requires that the visa be issued within **30 days** of