

## In-depth information

Presidential Decree containing the Provisions on the integration agreement between foreign nationals and the State, in accordance with Article 4-bis, paragraph 2, of the Consolidated Law on the provisions for the regulations on migration and the rules on the conditions of foreign nationals, as per Legislative Decree no. 286 of 25<sup>th</sup> July 1998

Department for Civil Liberties and Migration  
[www.libertaciviliimmigrazione.interno.it](http://www.libertaciviliimmigrazione.interno.it)

Ministry of the Interior  
[www.interno.it](http://www.interno.it)

<http://accordointegrazione.dlci.interno.it>



# INTEGRATION

## Agreement



### .....➤ **What is the integration agreement**

The integration agreement is a tool aimed at facilitating the integration of foreign nationals.

Through the signing of the agreement, foreign nationals undertake to achieve specific integration objectives that shall be fulfilled during the period of validity of residence permits:

- acquire a sufficient knowledge of the Italian language;
- acquire a sufficient knowledge of civic culture;
- guarantee the fulfillment of compulsory education to minors.

The State undertakes to support the integration process of foreign nationals.

### .....➤ **Who shall sign the agreement**

Foreign nationals who:

- enter Italy for the first time;
- file an application to obtain residence permits for a duration of at least 1 year;
- are aged at least 16 years. In case of minors aged between 16 and 18, the agreement is signed by parents or by those who exercise parental authority.

### .....➤ **Who shall not sign the agreement**

Foreign nationals:

- affected by diseases or disabilities that severely impair their self-sufficiency or the learning of the Italian language and culture;
- unaccompanied minors;
- victims of human trafficking, violence or exploitation;
- children under 16 years.

### .....➤ **Where to sign the agreement**

The agreement is signed at the Prefecture – One-stop shop for migration, by foreign nationals who enter Italy for work reasons or for family reunification purposes, or at the Police Headquarters in case of entry for other reasons.

### .....➤ **What happens after signing the agreement**

Sixteen (16) credits are assigned at the moment of signing the agreement. Within three months after signing the agreement, foreign nationals are invited to participate in a civic training session about life in Italy. The non-attendance of this training session leads to the loss of 15 credits.

### .....➤ **Suspension or extension of the agreement upon request**

The agreement may be suspended or extended at the request of foreign nationals, through the filing of suitable documents attesting:

- severe health or family problems;
- work reasons;
- attendance of training, lifelong and orientation courses;
- attendance of apprenticeship;
- attendance of vocational training and orientation ;
- study abroad.

### .....➤ **Assessment of the agreement**

One month before the expiry of the agreement, the One-Stop shop assesses the level of integration achieved by requesting foreign nationals to submit the documents needed to receive additional credits. Foreign nationals living in the province of Bolzano will also receive credits for tests made in German. Should the foreign nationals lack the necessary documents, they may ask to be tested to prove the degree of knowledge of the Italian language, culture and civics needed to comply with the agreement.

The assessment may lead to three different outcomes:

- SETTLEMENT OF THE agreement: the foreigner has reached an appropriate level of integration (**30 credits or more**);
- EXTENSION OF THE agreement FOR ONE YEAR: the foreign national has not reached a sufficient number of credits to allow the settlement of the agreement (**1 to 29 credits**);
- TERMINATION OF THE agreement: the foreign nationals has not reached an appropriate level of integration; his/her residence permit is revoked and he/she is expelled from the national territory (**0 credits or less**).

### .....➤ **Online consultation of the status of the agreement**

During the period of validity of the agreement, foreign nationals may access the Website <http://accordointegrazione.dlci.interno.it>, in order to check:

- the credits obtained;
- the schedule set for the tests.

To this end, at the moment of signing the agreement foreign nationals will receive instructions to access the on-line functions.