

## MEDICAL INSURANCE AND NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE



### EU citizens:

You are entitled through your local health authority to obtain the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which facilitates access to emergency and medical treatment that may become necessary during a temporary stay (less than 3 months) in another EU country.

For a period longer than 3 months, the registration with the Italian National Service (SSN) is compulsory for teachers with a work contract.

Application must be submitted at the Local Health Authorities (Azienda Sanitaria Locale – ASL) according to the area of residence.

There are no fees and the Italian Health Insurance Card (Tessera Sanitaria) will be issued immediately and free of charge by the ASL. It will cover the same period of the teacher's contract.

The Italian Health Insurance Card, which includes the tax payer's code issued by the Italian Revenue Agency, is strictly personal and allows the holder to obtain health services in the European Union countries.

Registration with the Italian National Health Service (SSN) guarantees:

- consultation with general practitioners (including paediatricians); however, payment of a small fee (ticket) for visits and medical examinations with specialists is required;
- hospitalisation;
- access to day hospitals in specialized medical departments (dermatology, ophthalmology, etc.);
- pharmaceutical assistance (prescriptions and refunds on purchase);
- access to blood tests and other analyses.

### Non-EU citizens:

The application for a visa and residence permit requires evidence of the ability to cover health risks. These resources can be:

The purchase of a private health insurance policy in your home country also valid in Italy. Before leaving, it is compulsory to have a copy of the policy endorsed by an Italian Embassy or Consulate;

The purchase of a private insurance policy issued by a national insurance company.

Registration with the Italian National Health Service can be done by submitting the application at a Local Health Authority (ASL).



You can ask the “International Relations and Mobility Unit” to assist you in this issue.

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