

EDUITALIA: THE SAFE CHOICE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

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Thanks to the breadth of opportunity on offer at its 81 affiliate schools/colleges, Eduitalia has become a core establishment for foreign students choosing Italy as their study abroad destination.

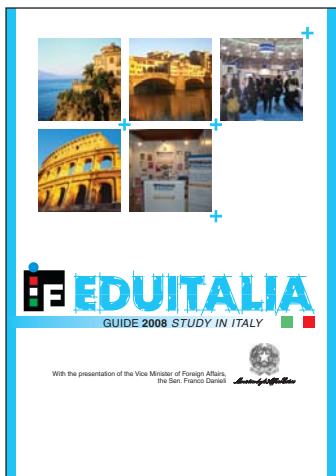
The Eduitalia guidebook – distributed at several international promotional events attended by Eduitalia – and the www.eduitalia.org website provide a vast choice of study opportunities provided by our educational partners. Classes are run in both Italian and in English, in fields encompassing Design, Literature, History, Italian Language studies,

Cinema, Theater, Cooking and the Arts in Italy's brightest spots for culture, fashion and even by the sea.

Eduitalia strives to bolster the international standing of its schools and colleges by catering for the worldwide demand of the Study Abroad sector. At these major global events, we establish contact with foreign educators, agents and students and describe the cultural factors that help to make studying in Italy an unforgettable experience.

Eduitalia and the next big global events

In the first half of 2008, we are attending the following fairs focused on the internationalization of culture: ICEF-Dubai (February 3-5); AIEA-Washington (February 17-21); WEBA-Losone (February 27-29); ICEF-Tokyo (March 3-5); NECTFL-New York (March 27-29); NAFSA-Washington (May 27-30).



THE EDUITALIA EXPERT'S COLUMN

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Q: "Is a non-EU citizen legally entitled to healthcare in Italy even if they don't have a proper permit?"

A: Article 35 of Italy's Law on Immigration deals specifically with healthcare for foreigners in Italy who lack the required papers.

Under these rules public hospitals and licensed clinics provide outpatient care, urgent/essential treatment as well as longer term hospitalisation to all patients under all circumstances, as well as offering free medical counselling and preventive medical care.

The following services are guaranteed:

- social support for pregnancy and maternity, equal to that provided to Italians;
- healthcare of minors;
- vaccinations both required by law and within the framework of preventative campaigns sanctioned by Region authorities;
- international prophylactic treatment;
- prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases and possible reclamation of breeding grounds

Foreigners entering the country illegally and without papers are provided with a special permit known as the 'STP permit' (i.e. 'Straniero Temporaneamente Presente', meaning 'foreign national in transit'), which covers for essential emergency treatment. A declaration of poverty is attached to the STP as proof of the holder's lack of means to meet the expense of treatment.





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