

## **The Italian School**

Presentation texts in ppt

Slide 1    **STUDY IN ITALY**

Slide 2    **THE SCHOOL FOR ME**

In Italy there are also educational and training courses for adults

Where?

- at CTPs (Centri Territoriali Permanenti, Permanent Territorial Centres) which form part of the National education system
- at night classes in “Superiori” secondary schools
- through Vocational Training

Slide 3    **THE CENTRI TERRITORIALI PERMANENTI**

CTPs are common and easy to find

What do they offer?

- free Italian courses for foreigners with the potential of gaining a qualification
- free courses for the “media” school leaving diploma
- English and Information Technology courses

Warning

In the CTPs there are Italian language tests for foreign citizens who apply for the EC permesso di soggiorno (EC residence permit) (formerly the carta di soggiorno)

Slide 4    **STUDYING POST “MEDIA” SCHOOL DIPLOMA ...**

- there are “Superiori” schools with night classes

What do they offer?

- more advanced technical education (accountancy, surveying, IT etc), professional or otherwise ...
- the potential for short-term study (3-4 years)
- the “superiore” secondary school final diploma (the “maturità”)

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## VOCATIONAL TRAINING POST “MEDIA” SCHOOL DIPLOMA

### Vocational Training

What does it offer?

- The chance to learn a trade with courses that last from 1-3 years

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## I HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AWARDED BY MY HOME COUNTRY, IS IT ALSO VALID IN ITALY?

- The qualification is valid only if issued by an EU country or a country with an agreed reciprocal recognition

IF IT ISN'T VALID, WHAT CAN I DO?

- If this is the case, you may obtain a qualification recognition

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## FOR A QUALIFICATION RECOGNITION

- go to the Italian Consulate and ask for a “dichiarazione di valore” (present your certificate)
- or get the translated diploma signed at an Italian court (sworn statement)

### Warning

In some cases it is necessary to have an Italian language qualification. For further information (“media” school diploma, ASA courses, “superiore” school night classes, Italian courses...) ask at your nearest CTP

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## SCHOOL FOR MY CHILDREN

What should I do about my children's education?

- It is necessary to know how the Italian education system works

### Warning

Italian schools always accept pupil registrations, male or female under the age of 18 years old, even if they arrive after the start of the school year

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## THE ITALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

How does the education system work in Italy?  
- School is compulsory from 6-16 years of age

- Nursery school: 0 - 3 years old
- Infant school: 3 - 6 years old
- Primary school (elementary) 6 - 11 years old
- Secondary school “inferiore (media)” 11 - 14 years old
- Secondary school “superiore” 14 - 19 years old

Slide 10 **COMPULSORY EDUCATION**

Compulsory education lasts for 10 years

- 5 years of primary school (elementare)
- 3 years of secondary school “di primo grado” (media)
- 2 years of secondary school “superiore” or vocational training (a three-year course with a qualification)

In primary school the books are FREE, the family must buy just notebooks, pens, colouring pens...

Slide 11 **YOUTH EDUCATION**

For girls and boys of 16 - 18 years old education is compulsory  
Where can they go for compulsory education?

- to CTPs if they don't have a “media” school diploma
- to “Superiori” secondary schools
- through Vocational Training
- through apprenticeships

Slide 12 **REGISTERING YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

What do I have to do to register my children at school?

- go to the secretary's office of your local school (see link)
- collect the application form along with the list of required documents

Slide 13 **REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS**

### What documents will I need?

- birth certificate
- vaccination certificates
- documents from the school attended in the home country or **a statement** of classes attended in the home country
- receipt of school tax payments made in Italy

#### Slide 14 REGISTRATION FORMS ...

##### What else must I do when registering?

- complete the form to accept/decline Catholic religious education
- complete the request forms for:
  - \* canteen meals
  - \* pre-school (starting earlier) or post-school (leaving late)
  - \* school transport
- collect the school record book where absences, lates and early departures from school are noted down

##### Warning

Pre-school, post-school, canteen meals and transport must all be paid for

#### Slide 15 SCHOOL REGULATIONS

##### A few regulations concerning the Italian education system ...

- classes are mixed-sex
- the children study and play games and sport together
- no one can hit a child as a means of punishment
- everyone must respect the Convention on the Rights of the Child

#### Slide 16 FAMILY AND EDUCATION

In Italy parents are obliged to make their children study  
What can a family do if they are having difficulty paying for studies?

You can talk to the school secretary and social services to find out about the help you are entitled to.

There are, for example:

- \* canteen, transport, pre-school reductions ...
- \* bursaries for students who continue their studies or training
- \* study grants for the most able students

Warning  
Foreign parents will lose their residence permit if they do not send their  
young children to school

Slide 17 GLOSSARY

**Compulsory education:** school is compulsory for children up to the age of 16 years old

**Compulsory education/training:** from 16 to 18 years old it is compulsory to continue education. If the girl or boy no longer goes to school they must follow an apprenticeship or a training course until they reach the age 18.

**School record book:** required to justify absences. When the absence lasts for a period longer than 5 days due to ill-health, a medical certificate is required stating that the child is fully recovered; the book is also used to record lates or early departures from school

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**Secretary's Office:** every school has a secretary's office from where to gain information, send and pick up documents. The office is not always open, the opening hours should be checked in advance.

**School bursary:** this is a local council contribution that helps families pay for school expenses, it is applicable throughout the education of boys and girls from 6 to 18 years old. For further information ask the local council.

**Religious Education:** every year when parents register their children at school, they must state whether they accept or do not accept the teaching of Catholic religious education.