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## Italy - New Quotas for Foreign Individuals Entering for Professional Training, Apprenticeships

On 31 July 2020, Italy enacted the decree setting forth quotas for the three-year period 2020-2022 that apply for foreign individuals coming to Italy for professional training courses and training apprenticeships.<sup>1</sup>

### WHY THIS MATTERS

Every year the Italian labour authorities (*Ministero del lavoro e delle politiche sociali*) establish a limited number of quotas to enter Italy for specific reasons.

For the three-year period, Italy's government confirmed the total amount of quotas that will be in force until 2022, with the aim of allowing foreign citizens to arrive in Italy for training purposes with a study visa.

In the scenario, it is important that immigration and global mobility professionals with employees who will be destined for work/assignments/business travel in Italy are aware of the terms of the decree, which set out the framework, practices, and rules.

### Categories of Individuals Covered by Decree

The government established for the years 2020-2022 a quota of 15,000 "units" divided as follows:

- A quota of 7,500 units are reserved for entries to attend a professional training course, that is courses with a maximum duration of 24 months, intended for the attainment of a professional qualification or the certification of acquired competences. These courses must be organised by certified training institutions.
- A quota of 7,500 units are reserved for entries to carry out a training and orientation apprenticeship regulated by each Italian region for purposes of completing a professional training "path" that was begun in the home country.

The general immigration process includes issuance of an entry visa for study or training reasons by the diplomatic-consular representative office of the country where the non-European individual resides and within the limits of the quotas established by the decree. Supporting documents must be enclosed with the visa application.

## FOOTNOTE:

1 *Determinazione del contingente triennale 2020/2022 per l'ingresso di cittadini stranieri per la partecipazione a corsi di formazione professionali e tirocini. Ministero del lavoro e delle politiche sociali, decreto 9 luglio 2020 - (cod. A8284). GU serie generale, n. 191, 31 luglio 2020 .*

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