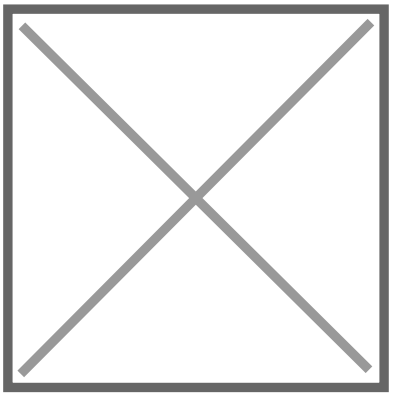

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Descrizione

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Italy has updated the Decreto Flussi to create an easier pathway for descendants of Italian citizens to enter Italy for work outside the annual immigration quotas. The reform targets people of Italian origin who live in countries with a significant Italian diaspora, including the United States, and makes it simpler for them to relocate to Italy for employment.

The key change is that these individuals are no longer subject to the tight quota system that traditionally limits non-EU entries for work. For those in the USA with Italian ancestry, this means the process becomes more accessible, faster, and less uncertain, because the quota cap no longer applies to them.

The exemption, however, does not eliminate the standard employment requirements. To benefit from this channel, the person must still have a valid job offer from an employer in Italy. The employer must request the nulla osta (work authorization) through the official immigration portal. Once approved, the worker must enter Italy and sign the employment contract within the legally required timeframe.

In practice, the reform removes the hardest bureaucratic barrier—the quota limitation—while keeping intact the need for a genuine employment relationship. It is designed to encourage the return or relocation of people with Italian roots, especially from countries like the United States, by streamlining entry procedures and reducing administrative bottlenecks.

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