

## **IMPORTANT NOTE for the submission of the Permit of Stay**

As you should be aware by now, Italian Government health regulations require proof of a valid vaccination certificate to access most public spaces and services. In Italy and Europe, the COVID 19 Certificate (Green Pass) is issued with a QR code, which is used to verify individuals' vaccination/recovery/test status via an electronic application on smartphones and other devices. Non-EU residents normally do not need to have a QR code on their certificate since their document issued from their home country is usually accepted everywhere, with a few exceptions.

We have been recently informed that Post Offices have adopted an electronic verification system to provide service that only accepts documents with the proper QR code. As it currently stands, there is no alternative process in place for those who are without it.

Therefore, in order to hand in your permit of stay application, if you do not have a valid EU Certificate (Green Pass) with QR code, we advise you to book an appointment at a nearby pharmacy and take a rapid antigen test (<a href="here">here is a list of local pharmacies</a>). The certificate you will receive directly from the pharmacy, or via text or email, will have the QR code that will allow you for the following 24hrs (if the result is negative) to enter the post office and get access to the desired service.

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