English Language Assistant Italy

The rich diversity of cultural heritage, scenic beauty and charming cities and towns makes Italy a fascinating place to spend a year.

Terms and conditions

Appointments are in secondary schools across the country. Undergraduates who have completed the second year of their degree are eligible to apply as long as they have a good level of Italian certified by a university tutor.

Dates of appointment: 1st October – 31st May
Hours: 12 per week
Assistants may split their collaborating time between two schools.

Salary: €850 per month (net)
Age: Must be aged between 18-30 years. The Italian Ministry of Education are normally only able to consider candidates under the age of 30.

Passport: Eligible candidates **must** hold an Irish passport (or those who do not have an Irish passport must have completed their secondary school education in Ireland and are attending/have attended third level education in Ireland).

The posts are not always in the same locations every year, so you should be as flexible as possible. It is helpful if you can indicate whether you prefer a post in northern or southern Italy.

We recommend you research possible locations thoroughly before applying
http://www.tuttitalia.it/scuole/

Selection process:

At the end of May/beginning of June candidates will be informed by the Department of Education if they have obtained a position or if they have been placed on the reserve list.

Candidates who are on the reserve list could still be offered a position at a later stage if anyone withdraws from the scheme so emails should be checked regularly (Spam email should also be checked).

Candidates are offered a position in the order they are placed on the reserve list.

NO applicant is guaranteed a placement. If applicants do get placed, they are not guaranteed their first choice. The ELA Scheme is a competitive competition and applications go through a selection process.

- Accepting or declining a position:
    - When candidates are offered a position, they have **ten days** to get back to the Department of Education to indicate if they accept or decline the post. If they fail to contact the Department of Education in this time, their position will automatically be offered to someone on the waiting list.

- Information about the post:
    - Once the successful candidates' details have been received by the Italian Authorities, they will be contacted by the Italian authorities or directly by the school where they have been posted. Candidates must check their emails frequently and wait to be contacted. Spam files should also be checked regularly.

The completed applications should be returned by email **in one single PDF** to **ELA@education.gov.ie** by **5.00pm closing date Thursday 13th March 2025.**

We would like to remind you to carefully consider your commitment to the ELA Scheme before accepting a post, as all withdrawals will need to be duly justified.