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1. I worked in Italy and paid taxes. Do I file a tax return?

Everybody who works abroad and pays income tax should file a tax return. Under certain conditions, you can refund some of the taxes you (your employer) paid. To estimate if you are eligible for a tax refund, we prepared an easy to use application which calculates your taxes and lets you decide what to do next.

2. How much taxes are paid in Italy?

The tax rate on your income varies between 23 - 43 %. There are nevertheless special options for expats living long-term in Italy to decrease the tax burden - called *impatriati*. Furthermore, you can decrease your tax burden if you have children or a spouse.

3. What does “tax refund” mean?

A **refund** means that your employer paid more taxes on your behalf than was necessary, and you can claim that excess money back from the tax office.

By filing a tax return, you are actually reporting to the Italian Tax Office how much you earned as gross income and how much you paid in taxes while you stayed in Italy.

4. What documents do you need for your tax refund?

In order to get your income tax refund as quickly as possible and to apply for the highest amount, you need to have:

- **A CUD form** from each employer.
- Documents related to your children or spouse if you claim them as dependents.

5. What is a CUD form?

The **CUD form** is a form that each employer has to give to his employees at the end of the year. The form reports the employee's annual wage and the taxes deducted

from each paycheck. **The Italian employer must send the CUD form to employees before January 31 of each calendar year.**

6. What if you do not have all the necessary documents?

Even if you do not have all the documents mentioned above, you can still apply for your tax refund. We offer a “replacement” service - we will contact your former employer/s and will request copies of your earning documents as your agent. Nevertheless, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to obtain those documents, so it is preferable that you make sure your employer provides you with the CUD form himself.

7. How many years back can I file my tax refund?

You can go back as far as **3 years** from the year in which you apply.

8. How long does it take to receive my tax refund?

On average **it takes 6 to 12 months if the tax return is submitted on time for the most recent tax year.** If you miss the deadline, the processing time can increase significantly, on average by 1 year.

9. When is the deadline for filing the tax return?

Your **tax return should be filed at the Italian tax office on June 30th for the most recent year and by September 30th for older tax years.** Nevertheless, it is highly advised to provide us with all documents as soon as possible, preferably by March/April.

10. Why is your tax calculation different from the actual Tax Office calculation?

In some cases, tax officials calculate the **tax on your Tax Return higher or lower**

than the Tax Office shows in the final calculation.

What are the most frequent causes?

- The Tax Office had different data on your record (your employer reported different data than you have on your CUD form)
- Your employer wrongly paid more/less than was necessary
- You may have some **debt/overpayment from the previous years**