



DRIVING IN ITALY: INFORMATION FOR VISITING MOTORISTS

MOPEDS*

When riding in Italy, moped* riders must always have with them:

EU Countries:

- moped registration document (or technical certificate)
- valid national driving licence** entitling to drive a moped
- third party liability insurance bought in an EU country
- road tax receipt (this only applies for mopeds registered in Italy).

Non-EU Countries:

- moped registration document (or technical certificate)
- valid national driving licence entitling to drive a moped
- international driving permit *** or a certified translation (traduzione giurata)**** into Italian of the national driving licence
- third party liability insurance bought in an EU country. Residents of non-EU countries should contact their insurance company prior to departure and check whether they need a green card (international insurance certificate)***** or a short-term insurance*****.

Moped riders under 16 of age cannot carry any passenger.

Moped riders aged at least 16 can carry one passenger, provided this is indicated in the moped registration document.

It is unlawful to carry children under the age of 5 on a moped. In case of non-compliance, the provisions of Article 170 paragraph 6-bis of the Italian Highway Code apply.

In case of non-compliance with the 16 years age limit for carrying a passenger or with passenger transport restrictions according to the moped registration document, the provisions of Article 170 paragraph 6 of the Italian Highway Code apply. In case the infringement is committed by a person under the age of 16, the moped is subject to the so-called *fermo amministrativo* (a sort of administrative hold) for 60 days.

Helmet use

Moped riders must wear a helmet. Helmets must be EU type-approved***** and must be worn correctly at all times.

In case of non-compliance, the provisions of Article 171 paragraph 2 of the Italian Highway Code apply.

*Mopeds are two or three-wheeled vehicles fitted with an (internal combustion) engine having a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50



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cm³ and having a maximum speed of up to 45 km/h on a flat road. The moped must have a number plate that identifies the owner according to the registration certificate. The number plate is personal. It can be paired with only one vehicle and must be held by the owner in case the vehicle is sold.

**The AM category driving licence (EU Directive, January 2013) allows European citizens aged 16 (minimum age) to drive mopeds throughout the EU. Member States can decide to lower the age limit to 14 years old. If the driver is younger than 16, her/his AM license is valid only in the issuing country.

*** International Driving Permits can be of the following two types:

- “Geneva Convention – 1949”, valid for 1 year
- “Vienna Convention – 1968”, valid for 3 years

Both types are valid provided that the associated national driving license is also valid.

While some countries accept both types, others accept only one of the two. Italy accepts both types.

****A certified translation (*traduzione giurata*) is a full translation into Italian of the foreign driving licence. It can be made by:

- a representative of the Embassy/Consulate of the State having issued the national driving license, or
- an official translator/interpreter who must certify before a Court clerk that the translation is a true copy of the original.

**** A Green Card (Carta Verde) is an international motor insurance certificate allowing a vehicle to enter and travel in a foreign country and proving its compliance with the insurance obligation for third-party motor liability (TPL). The Green Card is released under the responsibility of the National Insurance Bureau of the country where the vehicle was registered. It is issued by a motor insurer together with the policy or upon request. To get your green card you need to contact your motor liability insurer.

*****A short-term border insurance is a temporary third party liability cover. It can be issued only for vehicles registered in foreign countries not belonging to the European Economic Area and which are temporarily being driven in Italy.

*****There is no legal requirement to wear a helmet for drivers and passengers of:

- (a) fully enclosed three or four-wheeled mopeds and motorcycles
- (b) partially enclosed two or three-wheeled mopeds and motorcycles equipped with restraint systems and other devices ensuring a safe use of the vehicle, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable regulation.