



THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR FOREIGN MINORS

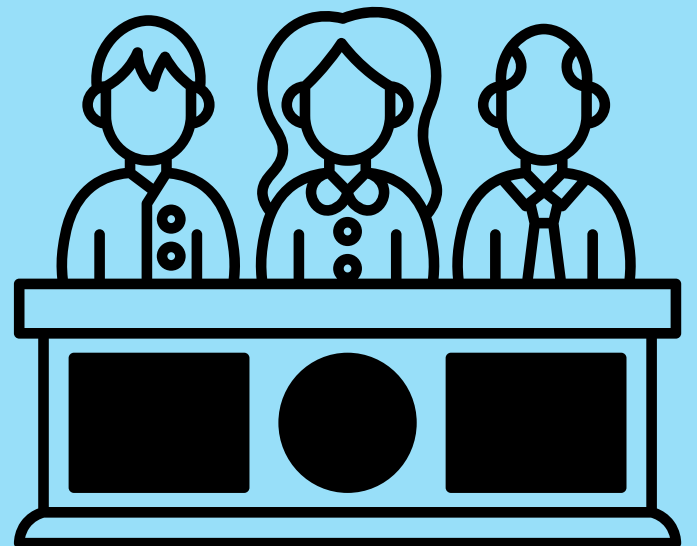


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WHAT IS MEANT BY THE 'OPINION' OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MINORS?

In this case, it is the opinion of the Committee on Foreign Minors (an Italian government institution that assesses the social integration of unaccompanied foreign minors).

The opinion is an assessment made by this Committee, in other words, it is a group of people who meet and examine whether the minor has made a good start in Italy.



Examples :

- Has he/she gone to school?
- Has he/she done an apprenticeship?
- Has he/she respected Italian law?
- Has he/she done his best to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of the country?



#2

WHY IS THIS OPINION IMPORTANT?

When unaccompanied foreign minors reach the age of 18, they can convert their residence permit (for minors) into :

- a work permit
- a study permit,
- awaiting employment.

When applying, the State reviews their life as a minor. The Committee gives an official opinion. When applying for conversion, the Italian State reviews the person's background as a minor and the Commission gives an official opinion.

If positive, the Questura is advised to grant the new residence permit.



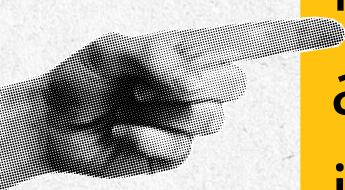
If negative (for example, if the person broke the law, didn't go to school, or didn't try to integrate because the person has not complied with the law, has never been to school or has committed offences), it is more difficult to obtain a new permit.



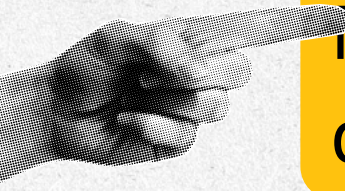
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WHICH MINORS DO NOT HAVE TO REQUEST THE OPINION?

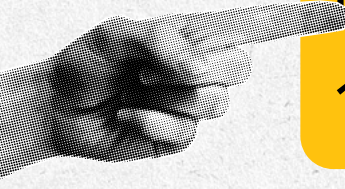
Not all minors need the Committee's opinion at 18.
Here are the people who do NOT need to apply:



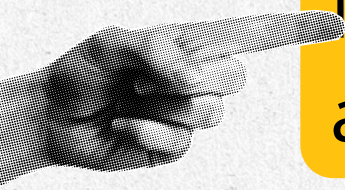
Minors who have been in Italy for at least 3 years and have been included in a social and civil integration project for at least 2 years.



Minors in the care of close family (up to fourth degree relatives).



Minors protected by a juvenile court after age 18.



Minors who already have a residence permit for asylum, protection, or special cases.

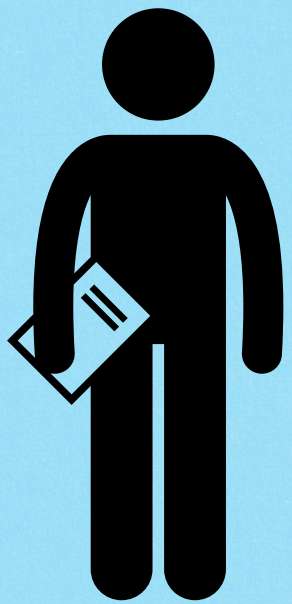


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WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO REQUEST AN OPINION?

Here is the list of documents you need to prepare:

- Copy of passport or proof of identity
- Copy of residence permit
- Copy of guardianship judgment or custody order
- A detailed report from social services



#5

WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED MY RESIDENCE PERMIT NOTICE AFTER TURNING 18?

Before: The Committee had 2 months to reply. If they didn't, the Questura could still give the permit ("silence means consent").



Now (after the Cutro Law):

The Committee's answer is mandatory. You must wait for their reply before the Questura can issue the permit.

#6

WHY IS MY APPOINTMENT AT THE QUESTURA DELAYED? WHAT CAN I DO?

Delays often happen because:

- Missing documents (like a passport).
- The Committee needs more information about your school, work, or social life.
- Mistakes or delays by social services.

What can you do? 🤔



Stay in regular contact with your educators, guardian, and social worker.



Ask for updates, help retrieve missing documents, and follow your case closely.

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WHAT IF THE COMMITTEE DOESN'T ANSWER FOR MONTHS?

Even if you sent everything, sometimes the Committee doesn't answer.

After 2 months (if reminders don't help), you can appeal.

How?

- A lawyer can write to the Committee and explain the delay is not acceptable.
- The lawyer can appeal to the Regional Administrative Tribunal (TAR).
- The judge can order the Questura to give you the permit, even without the Committee's answer.
- You can then go to the Questura with the judge's decision.



#8

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOY OR GIRL HAS NO MONEY TO PAY FOR A LAWYER?

In this case, it's important to know that legal aid exists.

A lawyer can be paid by the state if the person doesn't have enough income or work to pay the legal fees.



#9

WE KNOW WAITING IS HARD.

We know how hard it is to wait for your permit, and sometimes to fight for your rights.

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