



Social Protection Reform Project
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Social Assistance for vulnerable people: “Income for Social Inclusion” (Rel)

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The “Income for Social Inclusion” (Rel) experience

Definition and features

Law n. 147 of September 2017 has introduced a new social benefit aimed at **reducing poverty and social exclusion** at National level for **low or zero-income households**.

Rel is **not just cash**: the entire household will be the target of an integrated, comprehensive and **customized “project”** aimed at reducing their disadvantaged position.

Rel applications are open since 1st December 2017

In order to access to Rel, the applicant must subscribe a specific project



The project is **customized** and it aims to **improve the social and working inclusion** of the beneficiary



The project is managed by the household **Municipality** together with other **public** (e.g. schools, employment office, etc.) and **private social institutions** (e.g. NGOs)



The project involves **all the members of the household**



The project identifies **goals to achieve**, actual **support needed by the household** and **mandatory actions to undertake** in order to reduce their social exclusion (e.g. school or job-courses attendance, etc.).

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Beneficiaries and requirements (1/2)

Rel is paid out to households with the following requirements



RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

(verified by the Municipality)

The applicant has to:

- ✓ either be **UE citizen**, or have a **family member who holds a residence permit**, or be a **Third Country citizen** who possesses a UE residence permit;
- ✓ **be resident in Italy for at least 2 years** since the application was submitted.



FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

(verified by INPS,
excluding pregnancy
verified by the Municipality)

Within the household, at least one member has to be:

- ✓ a **child under 18 years old**;
- ✓ a **disabled person** and at least one of his parents has to be included in the household;
- ✓ a **woman in a proved pregnancy status**;
- ✓ a **person who is at least 55 years old** and holds specific **unemployment requirements**.

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Beneficiaries and requirements (2/2)



ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS

(verified by INPS)

The household has to jointly respect the following conditions:

- ✓ a **ISEE** value which does **not exceed 6.000 €**
- ✓ a **ISRE** value, equal to the ratio between ISEE value and the Equivalence Scale Parameter, which does **not exceed 3.000 €**
- ✓ **property assets**, excluding the house where the household lives (if any), which do **not exceed 20.000 €**
- ✓ **financial assets** which do **not exceed 10.000 €** (e.g. taking into account 2 people, the maximum amount allowed is 8.000 €, while for a single person is 6.000 €);
- ✓ **no vehicles** (including motobikes, cars, etc.) which have been bought in the **2 years preceding the Rel application**.



COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(verified by INPS)

- ✓ **No household member** has to be beneficiary of **social benefits for involuntary unemployment**.

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Amount of the allowance

With regard to the Rel cash allowance, **entry thresholds are defined according to the number of household members**. These thresholds take into account **ISRE value and the Equivalence Scale Parameter**.

For every threshold, Law n. 147 of September 2017 defined a maximum monthly amount of allowance as described below:

N° of household members	Equivalence Scale Parameter	Entry thresholds	Maximum monthly amount of allowance <i>(75% of entry thresholds)/12</i>
1	1	€ 3.000	€ 187,50
2	1,57	€ 4.710	€ 294,38
3	2,04	€ 6.120	€ 382,50
4	2,46	€ 7.380	€ 461,25
5 or more	2,85 or more	€ 8.550	€ 485,40

The maximum amount of the allowance is defined every year by Law, regardless the number of the household members.

Furthermore, other means-tested social benefits received by the household are subtracted from the monthly amount of the allowance.

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Benefit duration and provisioning modalities

18
months

Rel provisioning begins with the month following the submission of the application and it is paid out for 18 consecutive months

Once Rel has been fully benefited, **exclusively after 6 months from the last payment received** the beneficiary may apply again (renewal)

12
months

In case of renewal Rel is paid out for 12 months

Rel is provided every months through the Rel Card, an electronic debit card that can be used for:



Food expenditure



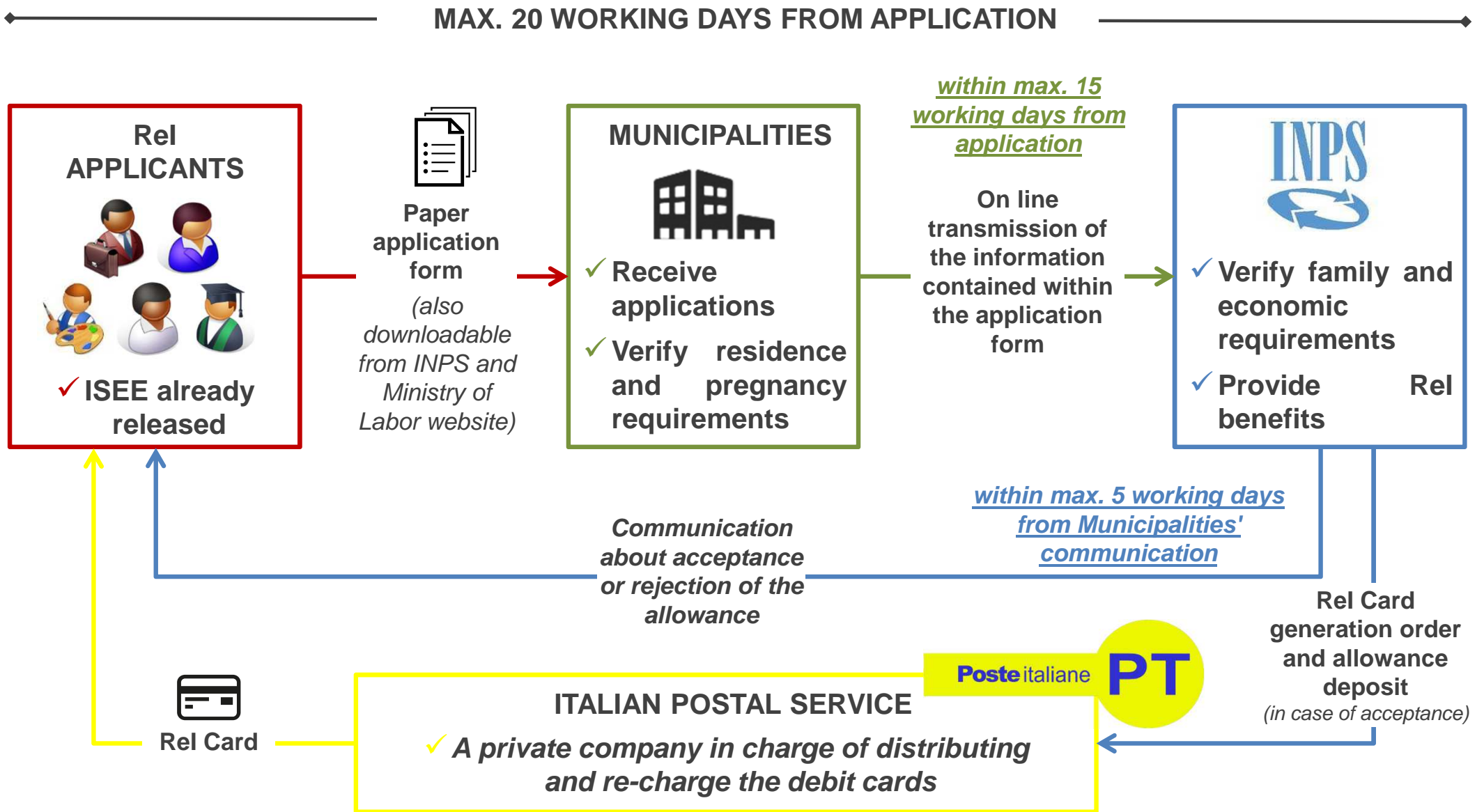
Payment of utilities rates (gas and electricity)



Cash withdrawal, within the maximum amount of 240 € set by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.

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Submission of application and Institutions involved



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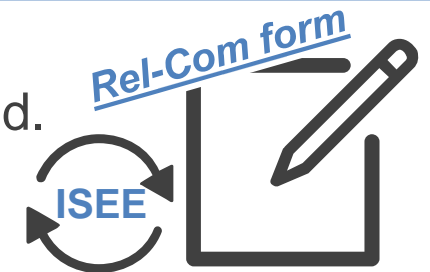
Rel compatibility with employment and ISEE recalculation

Rel is compatible with employment activity by one or more household members, **within the economic and ISEE requirements** of the household defined by law.

However, in case of **changes to the employment situation** of one or more household's members, the **foreseen income from the new working activities must be communicated to INPS.**

These communication are provided **through the Rel-Com form** and allow INPS to verify whether the economic requirements are still fulfilled.

In particular, **INPS updates ISEE and ISRE values with the information contained within the Rel-Com form.**



All the information concerning incomes used to calculate ISEE are transmitted by the Revenue Agency and refer to the 2nd solar-year preceding the DSU transmission date, because of the Italian fiscal framework regulation.

Rel-Com allows INPS to ensure that the household's economic situation, required to access Rel, is as close as possible to the one whom the application is referred to.

Finally, **sanctions are applied** in case of violation of the customized project and of **mendacious information communicated to INPS.**