

ITALY
(Introduced in 2007)

1. Legal basis			
			- <u>Regulation</u> on Continuing Education. ¹
2. Training			
2.1. Basic information ^{2/}			
	Extent		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60 credits/3 years; - Min. 15 credits annually; - Min. 9 credits/3 year in professional social security matters and deontology. - Transmission of surplus is possible within the 3-year period with a maximum of 5 credits per year (the transmission is not possible for credits related to deontology matters).
	Exemptions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawyers suspended for disciplinary reasons; - After 25 years of registration to the Bar; - Senior lawyers (> age 60); - Members of bodies with legislative powers and members of the European Parliament; - Academics and University researchers in legal matters. <p><u>Exonerated upon request:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maternity, child birth, paternity/maternity obligations in case of minor child; - Serious illness or injury or similar personal conditions; - Interruption of the profession ≥ 6 months or of moving abroad; - Force majeure; - Other cases provided by the CNF.
2.2. Activities and methods			
Activities	Courses	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training for the updating and consolidation of acquired competences:³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) half day events: from 1 up to 3 credits; (ii) one day (or more) events: from 2 up to 12 credits. - Training for the development of new competences:⁴ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) half day events: from 2 to 4 credits; (ii) one day (or more) events: from 6 to 20 credits.

¹ Regulation of 13th July 2007, applicable from the 1st September 2007. It has been replaced by a new regulation No 6/2014 adopted by the CNF on the 16th of July 2014 (entered into force on the 1st January 2015).

² In Italy, 1 credit does not correspond to 1 course hour. The criteria are complex and vary in relation to the nature of the training i.e., update and consolidation of acquired competences OR development of new competences (see Article 20 of the Regulation and also point 2.2 of this table).

³ Article 20.1 of Regulation 6/2014.

⁴ Article 20.2 Regulation 6/2014.

	Language courses	✓	
	Teaching ⁵	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 activity = 1 credit; - Max. 12 credits annually; - Max. 10 credits for specific teaching assignments.
	Writing/publishing ⁶	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 activity = 1 credit; - From 1 to 3 credits for publications in specialised journals of national relevance; - From 1 to 5 credits for books and monographs; - Max. 12 credits annually.
	Foreign training activities	✓	According to the general rules.
	Other ⁷	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation to the commissions for the State Bar examination: max 10 credits annually; - Study commissions, working groups and others: max. 10 credits annually; - Other study and updating self-training activities previously authorised by the CNF or the local Bars according to their respective competences (see section below): max. 10 credits annually.
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	- E-learning. ⁸
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CNF and its Foundations;⁹ - The local Bars and their associations or foundations.¹⁰ <p>The CNF and the local Bars are also competent for the accreditation of the training activities, respectively for (i) national and serial training events, events organised abroad and e-learning,¹¹ and (ii) for local training events.¹²</p> <p>independently from the CNF and the local Bars, the lawyers Social Security National Body (“Cassa Nazionale di Previdenza e Assistenza Forense”) is competent for the organisation and the accreditation of lawyers.</p>

⁵ Articles 20.3, letters a) and c) and 13 of Regulation 6/2014.

⁶ Articles 20.3, letter b) and 13 of Regulation 6/2014.

⁷ Articles 20.3, letters d) to f) and 13 of Regulation 6/2014.

⁸ Credits from e-learning activities are granted according to the general rules, but they cannot exceed 40% of the total amount of credits to be collected within the 3-year period (Article 12.6 of Regulation 6/2014).

⁹ Article 8 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁰ Article 9 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹¹ Articles 17.1 and 18 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹² Article 17.2 and 19 of Regulation 6/2014.

	Accredited provider	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any other public or private bodies experienced in the legal area and in areas related to the legal profession.¹³ - Ex ante accreditation procedure: requests to be addressed to the CNF or the local Bars as to their respective competences (see below).¹⁴
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	- Number of “non accredited” providers: N/A.
3. Assessment of training activities			
	Course of accredited provider/ Accredited course of ‘other provider’		<p>Accreditation procedure:¹⁵</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior request to be submitted to the CNF or local Bars as to their respective competences. - Requests shall include the programme of the training activities to be validated and any other relevant documents, as well as the speakers’ specific experiences and competences; - Motivated decision to be issued within 45 days from the request; - Accreditation is carried out according to pre-established assessment criteria (e.g., (methodology, entry and exit control mechanism, quality of the digital equipment, number of participants and duration, relevance for the matters, etc.)).¹⁶
	Other training activity		- Training activities organised in Italy and abroad according to the Regulation 6/2014 can be validated, even in the absence of ex ante accreditation, upon ad hoc request to be submitted within 90 days. ¹⁷
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control		- Upon request, the local Bar issue a continuing training certificate (“Attestato di Formazione continua”) subject to ad hoc control aiming at ensuring the fulfilment of the training obligations. The certificate can be published in the website of the lawyer and it is published in the website of the local Bar. ¹⁸
	Random control		NO
4.2. Sanctions			
	Non-disciplinary		NO
	Disciplinary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fulfilment of the continuing training’s obligations is a requirement to maintain the registration to the Bar;¹⁹ - Failure to comply with the training obligation, failure or wrongful certification of the training programme attended constitute a disciplinary offence.²⁰ Sanctions are proportionated to the gravity of the violation.²¹

¹³ Article 10 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁴ Article 22 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁵ Article 22 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁶ Article 21 of the Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁷ Articles 7.3 and 22.5 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁸ Article 25 of Regulation 6/2014.

¹⁹ Article 25.9 of Regulation 6/2014.

²⁰ Article 25.10 of the Regulation 6/2014.

²¹ Article 22 of the national Code of Conduct http://cnf.ipsoa.it/custom/pagine_da_codicedeontologicoavvocati.pdf