

"IN LAZIO WITH LOVE" Notice

FAQ – Answers and clarifications

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How to submit the application

1. Q: Where can I find the application form?

A: There is no form since the application must be filled in and submitted through the digital portal available on https://regione.lazio.it/nellazioconamore from 28 February 2022 10:00 am to 31 January 2023 10:00 am or until funding are available.

2. Q: When can I submit the application?

A: As provided for in Article 2 of the "IN LAZIO WITH LOVE" Notice, the beneficiaries are Italian and foreign couples who celebrate in Lazio their marriage or a civil union, pursuant to Articles from 63 to 70 *quindecies* of the Presidential Decree 396/2000, from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 as a refund of wedding-related expenses incurred from 14 December 2021 (Date of DGR n. 925/2021) to 31 January 2023, providing accounting documents. **The application can be submitted only after the marriage or civil union has been celebrated**.

3. Q: We celebrated a civil union prior to 1 January 2022. We will celebrate the religious ceremony in 2022. Can we submit the application?

A: It is not possible because the celebration of the marriage with a civil ceremony has already taken place on a date prior to that provided for in the Notice. As specified in Article 2 of the Notice, the expression "to get married or civilly unite" indicates the celebration of a marriage or civil union that produces civil effects.

4. Q: I will unite civilly abroad and after that I will celebrate a religious marriage in Rome. Can I submit the application?

A: See answer no. 7.

5. Q: I will get married in 2023. I am paying now for the expenses; can I submit the application?

A: No, as provided for in Article 2 of the Notice, the refund is addressed to Italian and foreign couples who get married or civilly unite pursuant to Articles from 63 to 70 *quindecies* of the Presidential Decree n-



396/2000 in Lazio from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

6. Q: We will unite civilly in a municipality of Lazio and after that we will celebrate a religious marriage outside the region. Can we send our application for all the suppliers that we will hire within the region for the civil union?

A: Yes, the important thing is that the celebration of the marriage takes place in a municipality of Lazio before the submission of the application.

7. Q: I am getting married in a municipality outside the Lazio region, but the expenses for the marriage were made in Lazio. Can I still submit the application?

A: No, the celebration must have been carried out in one of the municipalities of Lazio.

8. Q: 1- Can I send the application via e-mail (if so, to which e-mail address) or shall I go to an information desk? 2- Do we have to attach both spouses' ID?

A1: As required by Article 4 of the Notice, the application must be filled in and submitted through the digital portal available on the website https://regione.lazio.it/nellazioconamore from 28 February 2022 10:00 am to 31 January 2023 10:00 am or until funding are available.

A2: No, as required by Article 4, paragraph 5, letter b of the Notice, **the applicant** must attach "a valid scanned ID signed at the bottom if the signature on the document is not legible (also in case of digital signature)".

9. Q: As to the expense documents to be attached, do I have to attach the invoices later?

A: No. In addition to the signed application form and the ID, a maximum of **5 PDF files, one for each expense,** has to be uploaded to the platform. For each expense, documents must be submitted on the platform in a single pdf file, respecting the file size allowed by the platform (see Article 4, paragraph 6 of the Notice).

10. Q: In addition to the expense documents (invoices/receipts), do I have to upload other documents together with the application?

How do we show that we are a couple who will actually marry in the period of time covered by the Notice?

A: As required by Article 4 of the Notice, the applicant must upload the following documents to the platform in addition to the expense documents (see FAQ no. 9):

a. System-generated application including the declaration.



b. Valid ID scan signed at the bottom if the signature on the document is not legible (also in case of digital signature).

The application can be submitted only after the celebration of the marriage or civil union has taken place (see answer no. 2). As required by Article 4 paragraph 12 of the Notice, the application is made as a self-declaration pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000. LAZIOcrea S.p.A. and the Regional Directorate for Economic Development, Productive Activities and Research have the right to carry out random checks on the truthfulness of the declarations made in the application. Therefore, at the time of submitting the application, you shall fill in the above declaration, knowing that if checks occur, you will have to provide such documents as a proof.

11. Q: We will celebrate our wedding in September 2022, in the meantime can we apply for the funding? Or can we apply only after we have celebrated our civil union at the Municipality?

A: It is not possible to apply for the funding before the celebration of the marriage/civil union takes place (see answer no. 2).

12. Q: Is it possible to apply for the funding for a civil union of same-sex couples? A. Yes.

13. Q: Can I apply for the funding if I get married with the symbolic rite in Lazio?

A. No (see answer no. 2). Furthermore, this type of ritual has no legal validity.

14. Q: Can I apply for the funding if I have already made marriage banns?

A. No (see answer no. 2). Marriage banns, in fact, are a phase of the marriage preceding its celebration. Therefore, it is not possible to apply and then receive the funding if you have only made marriage banns.

15. Q: Can I apply for the funding in case of religious marriage within the Church?

A. Yes, it is possible as long as it meets the following definition: religious marriage is a religious rite to which the State then associates the same effects produced by a civil marriage as long as this rite is transcribed in the civil status registers.

16: Q: Can I apply for the funding if the promise of marriage has already been recorded in the civil registry of the Municipality?

A. No (see answer no. 2). The record of the promise of marriage in the civil registry of the Municipality is a phase of the marriage which therefore precedes its celebration. This step does not force the parties to



marry, so there is no bond other than a moral one.

17. Q: Are there income restrictions in order to apply for the funding? Do I have to submit my ISEE certificate?

A. No, there are no income restrictions.

18. Q: Can I apply if I am getting married for the second time?

A. Yes.

19. Q: Can I apply through a CAF – Tax Assistance Centre?

A. Yes.

Certified E-mail - P.E.C.

20. Q: Is it necessary to have a certified e-mail account (P.E.C. e-mail) to apply for the funding?

A: The application must not be submitted via certified e-mail, as required by Article 4, paragraph 3 lett. a) of the Notice. However, you must add in the application a certified e-mail account. As provided for in Article 8 of the Notice, all communication, required by the administrative procedure, should be notified to the certified e-mail indicated by the applicant at the time of the request or at a different address later formally communicated by the same.

21. Q: If I do not have a certified e-mail account, can I provide the certified e-mail of the other member of the couple or of a trusted person?

A. Yes, it being understood that, as provided for in question no. 20, all communication required by the administrative procedure are validly made to the certified e-mail submitted by the applicant, who therefore has the duty to check the certified e-mail.

Contact procedure for clarification

22. Q: Is there a telephone number I can contact for clarifications?

A. As provided for in Article 4, paragraph 12 of the Notice for any problems in the application upload, you can send an e-mail to asstecnellazioconamore@laziocrea.it; clarifications regarding the content of the Notice can be forwarded to the e-mail address chiarimentinellazioconamore@laziocrea.it.

It is always advisable to also include a telephone number to ensure a timely response in case of technical



malfunction of the platform during the filling in and sending of the application.

The answers to the frequently asked questions will be published on the page of the Regione Lazio website, https://regione.lazio.it/nellazioconamore.

Application submitted by foreigners

23. Q: Can Italian couples (with Italian citizenship but resident abroad) - who get married in Lazio in the period specified in the Notice - benefit from this funding?

A: Yes, as provided for by Article 2 of the Notice.

Payment of the funding

24. Q: When will I receive the bank transfer?

A: Once completed the checks concerning the declarations made pursuant to the D.P.R. n. 445/2000, with the procedures set out in Article 6 of the Notice, LAZIOcrea will send the lists of admissible and inadmissible applications to the Regional Directorate for Economic Development, Productive Activities and Research for the adoption of the directorial determination aimed at granting the grants themselves or the declaration of inadmissibility. The directorial determination will be published on the Regione Lazio website https://regione.lazio.it/nellazioconamore and in the Transparent Administration sections of both Regione Lazio and LAZIOcrea S.p.A. as well as on B.U.R.L (Regional Official Bulletin). The publication in the BURL is valid as notification to all interested parties. Subsequently, LAZIOcrea will distribute the funding (Article 5 of the Notice).

25. Q: Is it possible to enter a different IBAN from the one used for the payments, when filling in the application to get the funding?

A: Yes, the important thing is that it is in the name of the applicant for the funding, the other member of the couple or jointly owned.

26. Q: Is the funding paid with a single solution through a single bank transfer? A: Yes.



27. Q: In order to upload the documents, do I have to upload an invoice and a receipt? Or is it fine to attach a receipt for a musical performance contract also with a bank transfer? Can it be two invoices from the same supplier?

A1: In order to get the funding, mere contractual documentation is not suitable. As provided for in Article 3 of the Notice, every purchase, under penalty of inadmissibility, must, among other things, comply with the tax legislation, effectively incurred, and appropriately documented through invoices, receipts or accounting documents which show the type of expense, its relevance with the celebration or the civil union, as well as the period in which the expense was incurred (which must be between 14 December 2021 and 31 January 2023).

Two invoices from the same supplier can also be submitted, without prejudice to the provisions of art. 4 Of the Notice.

28. Q: Is a receipt for the purchase of a wedding dress atelier eligible, where the purchase is generically indicated as "clothing", without any reference to marriage?

A: As provided for in Article 3, paragraph 5 of the Notice, every purchase must be related to wedding services or products for which the funding is granted.

29. Q: Since online purchases are not eligible, I guess the wedding trip can only be booked with a travel agency. Does the trip have to be in Lazio? Or does the destination have nothing to do with it? Can I book online and submit the hotel invoice?

A: As required by Article 3, paragraph 3 of the Notice, the expenses must be made in Lazio and this condition must be documented by providing the payment receipts. Online purchases are NOT eligible.

The honeymoon cost is eligible only if the trip is booked through a Lazio-based travel agency, for a refund up to 700 €; the destination of the trip is not relevant. The hotel receipt is accepted only if the hotel is located in the Lazio region.

30. Q: In the event of a municipal venue for the celebration, is the tax paid to the municipality through PagoPA eligible?

A1: No, the initiative is aimed at reviving the wedding industry.

31. Q: As for the rental of the location, the Notice defines it as a reimbursable expense, but I would like to know if, for example, the cost is of 2,500 €, the maximum amount refundable amount would



A: As provided for in Article 1, paragraph 6 of the Notice, the funding allocates a maximum amount of 2,000 € for each eligible couple. If the eligible documented expenses are higher than 2,000 €, the refund will cover up to 2,000 €.

32 Q: Payment by Paypal, with regular invoice from the supplier, is eligible for the expenses incurred?

A: Yes, it is eligible. You will need to attach the credit card statement, provided that **online purchases are not eligible** and that any eligible purchase must be made with traceable systems (bank transfer or electronic payment) as required by Article 3.

33. Q. We have not kept the copy of the POS receipt and the store reports that no further copies can be obtained. The credit card statement showing the payment may be sufficient?

A: Yes, it is enough, provided that a suitable expense document is submitted. As provided for in Article 3 of the Notice, each expense must be certified through a payment document (bank transfer, POS receipt) with an amount identical to that of the expense document (invoice, receipt). In the event of a discrepancy between the amount of the expense document and that of the payment document, the lower amount is admissible.

34. Q: Must the receipts submitted as an expense document have particular descriptions?

A: As provided for in Article 3, paragraph 5 of the Notice, every purchase must be related to the activities for which the funding is allocated.

35. Q: Do the expense documents have to be made out exclusively to the applicant (PEC holder) or can they be made out in the name of the person with whom one is getting married?

A: The expense documents can be in the name of both the applicant and the other member of the couple, also because the other member of the couple cannot submit an independent application.

36. Q: Do the invoices have to be related to expenses incurred after the date of the wedding or also in its preparatory phase, with bank transfers before the date of the wedding?

A: Notwithstanding the fact that it is possible to submit the application only after the celebration of the marriage/civil union, as provided for in Article 2 of the Notice, **wedding-related expenses incurred from 14 December 2021 to 31 January 2023** are reimbursable, as shown in the accounting documents.



37. Q: 1. How do I apply for the funding if the location provides both catering and location rental in an all-inclusive service given that among the expense items, I see catering and rent as separate items (of which catering for a maximum of 700 €)? 2. Is it necessary that the requesting spouse and the person making the payment match?

A1: In Article 3 of the Notice, the items are distinct, one expense item relates to the restaurant and catering (with a maximum of 700 €), the other item relates to the location rental. Within the expense document, the two items must be separate and distinguishable.

A2: The expense incurred can also be paid by the other member of the couple.

38. Q: Are invoices made out to one of the spouses who have a VAT number allowed? A: Yes, they are allowed.

39. Q: Is the funding also allocated in case of wedding dress rental? It is possible to submit the application in the case of invoices for down payments only?

A: No, as required by Article 3, paragraph 1, letter c) of the Notice, the purchase of ceremony dress and accessories (groom or bride) is refundable. Without prejudice to the fact that the application can only be submitted only after the celebration of the marriage/civil union and that, net of any procedural assistance, it is no longer possible to integrate it. Advances are allowed if they meet and comply with the provisions from Article 3 of the Notice.

40 Q: For example, to buy the groom's suit, I gave several down payments. For example, the dress costs 1,000 € but I first gave a deposit of 300 € then another deposit of 300 € and finally paid everything with 400 € all with card payment. How is it calculated? Three receipts are needed?

A: Each payment must refer to a different invoice/receipt and are considered 3 separate expenses, as the traceability of each transaction is necessary.

41. Q: We made an advance payment with a bank transfer (indicating all the details) and we were given a receipt which obviously indicates the word 'cash' (since in the receipt there is no possibility to select anything else and it indicates any payment method). Is it still an eligible expense document for the funding?

A: Yes, you will only need to attach the receipt of the electronic payment to the invoice.



42. Q: Is a receipt showing the retailer's data, the object of the expense and the payment method accepted as an accounting document? Is it valid even if the wedding date is not specified?

A: Yes, it is acceptable, without prejudice to the existence of anything else provided for in the Notice as required by Article 3, paragraph 5, letter a) of the Notice. The accounting documents must show that the expense has incurred between 14 December 2021 and 31 January 2023; it is not necessary to indicate the date of the marriage. Each expense must be compatible with the activities for which the funding is granted, and each purchase must be certified by a payment document (bank transfer, POS receipt) with an identical amount corresponding to that of the accounting document (invoice, receipt). In case of discrepancy between the amount of the expense document and that of the payment document, the lower amount is accepted.

43. Q: Is there a maximum limit concerning the expense for each item that is listed in Art. 3 of the Notice? At the moment I only see expense limitations for the honeymoon and the catering service?

A: As indicated in Article 3 of the Notice, there are no other expenditure limitations than those for catering and restaurant services (up to 700 €) and the honeymoon (up to 700 €), but the maximum refund is 2.000 €, or any lower amount reported.

44. Q: Are cash payments allowed?

A: No, as required by Article 3, paragraph 5, letter c) of the Notice, every purchase must have been made with traceable systems (bank transfer or electronic payment).

- 45. Q: I paid by check. Can I submit it as an accounting document together with the account statement showing that the check has been cashed by the merchant?

 A: Yes.
- 46. Q: Are the costs of SIAE rights (Italian Authors' and Publishers' Association for copyrights) eligible if paid by bank transfer or electronic payment? If so, should they be added in the field "Other"?

A: No, the initiative is aimed at reviving the wedding industry.

47. Q: Are there non listed services, related to the type of allowed expenditures, eligible as expenditure? For example, the bar catering company within the banquet expense, the rental of the lights of the location within the location expense, video footage together with or instead of photos within the photoshoot expense, the purchase of sugared almonds only within the wedding favors expense, the location set-up service, etc...?



A: Yes. We specify that bar catering is included in the expense e. Catering and restaurant services (up to 700 €). Any expenses not included in the list must be reported in the field OTHER and described in detail in order to ascertain the link to the marriage/civil union.

48. Q: Are the expenses paid to the Vicariate for religious marriage eligible?

A: No, the initiative is aimed at reviving the wedding industry.

49. Q: Invoices or receipts with related payments must all have the wedding date or may have dates prior to and immediately following the event? Can the payment take place even a few days after the invoice issue date?

A: They can also have the date referring to days immediately following the event. The expenses for which reimbursement is requested must have already been incurred at the time of the application.

50. Q: Can the funding include the celebration of recurrences of 20 years, 25 years, 50 years, and 75 years of marriage?

A: No.

51. Q: Is the funding calculated on the basis of spending percentages based on the expenses presented?

A: No, the funding is not re-proportioned.

52. Q: Is the confirmation deposit an eligible expense?

A: Yes, provided that on the date of submission of the application the marriage/civil union must have already been celebrated.

53. Q: To whom should the invoices be made out?

A: They must be in the name of one of the two members of the couple.

54. Q: Even if the invoice is made out to one of the spouses, can third parties make the payment?

A: No, it must be proved that the expenses were made by one of the two members of the couple.

55. Q: What if "jewels" is generically indicated on the receipt or there is no payment reference, instead of "wedding rings"? Or what if the receipt of the clothing store indicates "dress" or no payment reference, with no indication that it is a wedding or ceremony dress (for example, I buy a



common dress because I have no interest in buying a ceremony or wedding dress)? Is this purchase eligible?

A: Each expense must be related to the wedding and carried out by operators in the wedding industry.

56. Q: Does the funding include the expense with VAT or without it?

A: VAT is included in the total amount allocated.

57. Q: Regarding invoices, do I have to submit a maximum of 5 invoices even if they are all from the same company or do I have to submit a maximum of 5 invoices from 5 different companies?

A: The invoices can refer both to the same operator or to different economic operators.

58. Q: We will get married in June and the place selected for the reception is a non-profit organization that will provide the garden, and if it rains an indoor space. In addition, they provide the catering service: they will make us a single price.

Is it to be considered as "renting rooms and locations for ceremonies and banquets" or something else? I understand that there is no cost limitation for this, right?

A: See answer 37. The expense document must be fiscally valid and accompanied by its proof of payment.

59. Q: In the case of a wedding-related service offered by a professional (professional with VAT number) is this one an eligible expense?

A: Yes, as long as the place of exercise for which the VAT number was been assigned is in Lazio.

60. Q: Are the expenses incurred for services provided by companies that have their registered office outside Lazio, but have provided the service in Lazio, eligible?

A: See answer 59.

- 61. Q: If I have a single invoice containing various expense items, eligible according your indication, can I upload the same file for all the items? Or do I have to upload a single invoice for each item?

 A: Yes.
- 62. Q: I have to get the reimbursement for the clothes expense, I paid the company through one of their machines that does not issue receipts but sends the payments via text message (with the wording 'months'). As you stated, the payments must comply with the receipt, but they did not give me a receipt, only an SMS. So, what is the procedure?



A: A: Just attach the current account statement which shows the business name of the merchant and the amount paid in relation to the expense referring to the marriage/civil union.

Revenue stamp

63. Q: I would like to know the required amount of the revenue stamp. Also, can I use a revenue stamp already used to submit the documents to the municipality? In addition, which code should I enter on the platform?

A: As provided for in Article 4, paragraph 7 of the Notice, it is necessary to provide a 16.00 € revenue stamp duly cancelled for the application.

The revenue stamp must not have already been used for other purposes on other documents. The 14-digit code of the revenue stamp required on the platform is the code placed above the bar code.

It is recommended to keep the revenue stamp to show it in case of further checks by the Authority.

64. Q: What does it mean "to duly cancel" the revenue stamp? How can I cancel it if I purchase a digital and non-paper revenue stamp?

A: To cancel the revenue stamp, just paste it on the application or, in the case of a digitally signed application, on a sheet and cross it with an indelible pen. In the case of a digital revenue stamp, it is sufficient not to use it for other purposes.

65. Q: Do I have to purchase two revenue stamps if the spouses have a residence in two different municipalities?

A: No, just purchase one revenue stamp.

Adjustments

66. I have already submitted the application, but I entered a wrong data. How can I fix the error?

A: As provided for in the Notice, after sending the application and getting the protocol number, it is not possible to edit the application. Therefore, please pay the utmost attention when filling in the application.

As provided for in Article 5, paragraph 3 of the Notice, we remind you that applications are not eligible if:

- a. Application file is missing;
- b. Identification Document file is missing;
- c. Application is submitted after the due deadline or by other means than those specified in Article 4;
- d. Application is submitted by parties that do not have the requirements and conditions set forth in Articles 3 and 4:
- e. Documents refer to expenses or to accounting documents that do not have the requirements set forth in



Any irregularities other than those indicated above will be remedied with "soccorso istruttorio" procedure (a special procedure for remedying formal deficiencies).

However, it is possible to request the cancellation of the application by sending a PEC e-mail to the address nellazioconamore.laziocrea@legalmail.it indicating name, surname and tax code of the applicant for the funding and the alphanumeric code and the protocol number of the application. This will imply the loss of priority already acquired, for the purpose of resubmitting the same application anew.