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In Italy, the transition to adulthood for unaccompanied foreign minors is governed by a relatively structured system that includes specific measures. Upon turning 18, young people can convert the residence permit obtained as minors into a study, work, or job-seeking permit, depending on their progress and the assessment of the competent authorities. Furthermore, administrative continuation allows for the extension of housing and support until age 21 for those who are not yet capable of living independently. However, the success of the process depends heavily on the support of volunteer guardians and local programs, which are often inadequate due to regional disparities and the lack of housing.

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