

CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE

Procedure for submitting applications

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

1. The following general information are directed to the spouses of Italian citizens.
2. The Consulate of Italy in Adelaide is competent to receive requests for citizenship by marriage only for people residing in South Australia.
3. It will be up to the Consulate to request a copy of the marriage extract from the AIRE Municipality of the Italian spouse, an essential certificate in order to proceed with the citizenship's application. It is therefore important that the marriage is already registered.

1. PREREQUISITES AND OTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROCEDURE

- The Italian spouse must be registered in our A.I.R.E (Registry of Italians Residing Abroad)
 - **For at least three years** if without minor children
 - **For at least 1,5 years** if there are minor children born from the couple
- Applicants must provide evidence of their knowledge of the Italian language at a B1 level or higher based on The Common European Framework of Reference, providing a certificate issued by a public or equivalent educational institution. Such certificates can be obtained from the *Università per Stranieri di Siena, Università per Stranieri di Perugia, Università Roma Tre and Società Dante Alighieri*.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For women who married an Italian citizen prior to the 27th of April 1983, the application for citizen is not necessary. In this case the citizenship acquirement is automatic. In such cases, applicants will have to book an appointment for citizenship through the online system of this Consulate, bringing their own birth certificate complete with Apostille and Italian translation by a NAATI translator.

2. APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE LODGED DIRECTLY ONLINE:

1. The applicant who wishes to apply for citizenship will have to register at : <https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it> .Please note that when registering at the website you must pay attention in using your exact personal details as they appear on your birth certificate or in the certificate of change of name/foreign surname.
2. After registration and the confirmation of the email address, the applicant will have to access the website again using the login credentials;
3. Once logged in, the applicant will find a "CITIZENSHIP" section on the left side of the screen containing the following subsections
 - **"COMPILA E INVIA DOMANDA" (FILL IN AND SEND APPLICATION):** through which the applicant can apply for citizenship.
 - **"VISUALIZZA STATO DELLA DOMANDA" (DISPLAY STATUS OF THE APPLICATION):** which allows the applicant to periodically check the status of the application already submitted.

- **“PRIMO ACCESSO ALLA DOMANDA” (FIRST ACCESS TO THE APPLICATION):** This option allows you to check the status of the application the first time, following its lodgment.
- **“COMUNICAZIONI” (COMMUNICATIONS):** in which any messages of the Administration related to the submitted application are displayed.

3. The applicant must complete the online form Modello AE” (see note n. 1) and attach the following documentation:

- Birth certificate with "Apostille" and NAATI translation with "apostille" (**see note n.2**);
- National Police Certificate with apostille and translation (**see note n. 3**);
- Bank transfer receipt of 250 Euro, made at a bank of your choice (**see note n.4**);
- Copy of personal passport.
- Certificate proving applicant’s knowledge of the Italian language;

4. The applicant can transmit, modify, save or cancel his /her application, but, once transmitted, this cannot be changed. For this reason, any errors in the data entered, including typing errors, will result in the rejection of the application by this Consulate. The Consulate, following an initial verification of the application, can accept it, request additional documentation / corrections or reject it. The application will be rejected if there are typing errors and /or when the attached documentation is incorrect or cannot be corrected. The Consulate will let know of the rejection with a specific communication, informing the applicant of the need to proceed with the cancellation of the rejected application, before a new one, on the ALI portal using the menu function **"Delete registration to the portal"** and subsequently lodging a new application by entering the exact data and repeating the procedure from the beginning. Please note that once the application has been accepted, the date of application will coincide with the beginning of the 4 year term that the Italian law requires for the assessment of the application for citizenship by the Ministry of the Interior.

5. Following the acceptance of this Consulate, the applicant must book an appointment for citizenship on www.consadelaide.esteri.it for the delivery of the following documentation:

- Originals of all the documentation entered in the ALI portal, to keep in the personal file of the applicant.
- Payment of signature authentication.

Note 1: All personal data entered in the application, such as name, surname, date and place of birth, must exactly coincide with those on the birth certificate or change of name / surname, for example: - If your name appears on the birth certificate as SMITH John Ronald, while in the passport the name is reported as SMITH John, the applicant will have to insert in the application both names, as reported on the birth certificate. - If the applicant has changed the name / surname, the relative certificate with an Apostille and the corresponding NATTI translation with an Apostille must also be attached to the application.

Note 2:

Australian Birth Certificates: Must be an original birth certificate issued by the Registry of Death, Birth and Marriages completed with the Apostille and translated by a NAATI translator ,with apostille on the translation. It is necessary scan both the birth certificate and the Apostille and the translation with the Apostille.

Non Australian Birth Certificates: Each country has its own rules of legalization, therefore it is appropriate to connect with the website of the competent Italian Embassy / Consulate to check how birth certificates have to be completed in order to make a registration in Italy.

Note 3: This certificate must not have been issued for more than 6 months and must be requested for each country where the applicant has resided after the 14th year of age.

Australian Certificates: It must be a National Police Certificate issued by the Australian Federal Police

(certificates issued by private companies are not accepted), complete with an Apostille and then translated by a NAATI translator (translation also with an Apostille).

Non Australian Certificates: Each country has its own rules for issuing / legalizing these certificates. It is therefore advisable to connect to the website of the competent Italian Embassy / Consulate to check how they should be perfected to be valid in Italy.

Note 4: The bank transfer can be made through any bank using the following references:

“Importo” (Amount): 250 Euro

“Nome Banca” (Bank name): Poste Italiane

“Indirizzo Banca” (Bank Address): Viale Europa 175 - 00144 ROME - ITALY

“Beneficiario” (Recipient): “Ministero dell’Interno” (Ministry of the Interior) D.L.C.I. - Cittadinanza

“Causale” (Reason): Name and surname of the applicant with the following words: “Istanza di cittadinanza italiana per matrimonio”

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You can refer to our website: http://www.consadelaide.esteri.it/consolato_adelaide/it/

For the list of NAATI translators: <https://www.naati.com.au/>

For information on how to obtain an Apostille in South Australia: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/ourlocations/australian-offices/pages/south-australia-state-office.aspx>