



## ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

### Step by Step Guide

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#### DETERMINING CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

Italian citizenship can be acquired by descent at the time of one's birth, as long as one parent or ancestor was an Italian citizen at the time. Due to previous laws in force before the formation of the Italian Republic **women can only transmit citizenship to children born after 1 January 1948**. Prior to this date, only fathers could transmit the Italian citizenship.

Any claim for Italian citizenship must be supported by documentary evidence. Once the relevant documents have been presented to this Consulate, they will be forwarded to the competent Italian Municipality for registration.

As of **8 July 2014**, according to the Italian law (art. 5-bis of the D.L. 24.04.2014, n. 66, and the act n. 89 of 25.06.2014) every application for the recognition of Italian citizenship by descent (*jure sanguinis*) is subject to a non-refundable administrative fee (irrespective of the outcome) of 300 EUR, **payable in Australian dollars by Debit Card or correct cash**. This fee only applies to adult applicants (18+) and must be paid on the day of lodgement.

#### Important Note

Under Italian law, children who were **naturalized** Australian citizens along with their parents prior to 16 August 1992, **lost their Italian citizenship** at the time. Please note that before **9 March 1975 adulthood in Italy was reached at the age of 21; after this date, it changed to 18**.

**After 16 August 1992, Italian citizens who acquire another citizenship, do not lose their Italian citizenship.**

#### PRE-REQUISITES

The Consulate of Italy in Adelaide is responsible for processing citizenship applications for SA residents **ONLY**. Proof of South Australian residence is required upon submitting the application.

#### STEP 1: ONLINE BOOKING

To book your Citizenship appointment: [Book Online](#).

#### STEP 2: WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONSULATE

- Checklist – Form A and B to be completed.
- Simple copies of all applicants' ID (SA driver licence, passport).
- Documentary evidence of citizenship of the main applicant's parent/ancestor (old Italian Passport, Italian certificates, and any other documentation providing proof of the parent/ancestor Italian Citizenship).
- If the parent/ancestor is/was not Australian, original and copy of the Australian visa if issued after 16

August 1992 or **Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status** (from the Australian Department of Home Affairs).

- Simple copies of all birth/marriage/death/change of name/divorce certificates of all applicants, starting from the ancestor. (as per Form A and B – see below)
- **Fees of 300 EUR, payable in Australian dollars for applicants (18+) and must be paid on the day of lodging.**
- **Debit cards (physical cards only – NO contactless payments or Credit Cards) or correct amount in cash.**

#### **PROCESSING TIME OF APPLICATIONS**

- In accordance with Italian Law no. 132/2018 (art.5 9ter), processing times for applications can take up to **24 months**.

**N.B. Please ensure you bring the completed Checklist below; form A and B and all necessary documents and IDs to your appointment.**

**FORM A**

I the undersigned: \_\_\_\_\_

declare:

that I am a direct descendant of the following ancestor: Surname and Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Italian citizen born in \_\_\_\_\_, Province ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

On \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. Emigrated to Australia \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:**

**ALL documents must be presented in original and translated into Italian.**

**Please provide a photocopy of your ancestor's passport, where available.**

**FAMILY TREE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CITIZENSHIP**

**ITALIAN ANCESTOR BORN IN ITALY**

Surname and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child of (parents' names): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>o</sup> marriage, if applicable)

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalisation certificate – issue date: \_\_\_\_\_

If naturalised, date of sworn oath: \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, place and date of death \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

Surname and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child of (parents' names): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>o</sup> marriage, if applicable)

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, place and date of death \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM A cont.**

**SECOND GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

Surname and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child of (parents' names): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>o</sup> marriage, if applicable)

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, place and date of death \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

Surname and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child of (parents' names): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(2<sup>o</sup> marriage, if applicable)

Married to \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If deceased, place and date of death \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FORM B**

**CHECKLIST**

**Documents to bring to your citizenship appointment**

**At the Italian Consulate in Adelaide**

**ITALIAN ANCESTOR BORN IN ITALY**

- Birth certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Marriage certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Divorce certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Death certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Naturalisation certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Certificate of Permanent Residency \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

- Birth certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Marriage certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Divorce certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Death certificate \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

- Birth certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Marriage certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Divorce certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Death certificate \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD GENERATION BORN OVERSEAS (e.g. In Australia)**

- Birth certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Marriage certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Divorce certificate \_\_\_\_\_
- Death certificate \_\_\_\_\_

## WHERE TO REQUEST ITALIAN CERTIFICATES

For Italian certificates: birth, death, marriages, you will need to contact the Comune (Municipality) of Birth of your ancestor or their last Comune (Municipality) of residence in Italy.

## WHERE TO REQUEST BIRTH, MARRIAGE, SAME SEX/CIVIL UNION MARRIAGES AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

- **Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages**
- **Address:** 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide    **Phone:** 131 882

## WHERE TO REQUEST THE DECREE NISI OR THE DIVORCE ORDER - ONLINE

- **Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia** ([www.fcfcoa.gov.au](http://www.fcfcoa.gov.au))

## WHERE TO REQUEST THE NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE/ PERMANENT RESIDENCE

- **Home Affairs - Department of Immigration and Citizenship**
- **Evidence of citizenship** ([homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au))
- **Proof of permanent residency** ([homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au))

## WHERE TO APPLY FOR THE APOSTILLE

- **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
- **Address:** Allianz House, 55 Currie Street, Adelaide    **Phone:** 08 8403 4899

Documents should not be bundled together with one Apostille. Each document must be legalised singularly.

**\*\*\*TRANSLATIONS DO NOT REQUIRE APOSTILLES \*\*\***

## NAATI TRANSLATORS

Please refer to [NAATI webpage](http://naati.com.au) for a full list of Official Translators: [www.naati.com.au](http://www.naati.com.au)

The South Australian Government has an Interpreting and Translating Centre: [translate.sa.gov.au](http://translate.sa.gov.au)

## IMPORTANT

**Original documents will not be returned** therefore we would strongly recommend that you obtain additional copies from the relevant offices, if needed.

We reserve the right to request any further documentation deemed necessary to complete the application.