



ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

Step by step guide

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 that 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.

PRE-REQUISITE

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: THE SIMULATOR OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

On the website of the Italian Consulate of Adelaide there is a useful tool that you can use in order to understand if you may be eligible to become an Italian citizen by descent [Step-by-step guide - citizenship by descent](#). **The outcome of this guide is in no way a guarantee that you will be recognized as an Italian citizen.**

Step 2: ONLINE BOOKING

To book your Citizenship appointment: Book Online (<https://prenotami.esteri.it>)

Step 3: FIRST APPOINTMENT - WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONSULATE

- Family tree and checklist completed (see back page). Please complete the personal detail fields only.
- Proof of residence (SA driver license, passport).
- If you are not Australian citizen, permanent residence visa
- Documentary evidence of citizenship of the main applicant's parent/ancestor (Italian birth certificate/"estratto per riassunto dell'atto di nascita con annotazioni", naturalization certificate, certificate of permanent residence/VEVO, old Italian passport).
- Copies of all birth/marriage/death/change of name/divorce certificates starting from the ancestor

After the first interview, you will be informed by the Consular staff on your eligibility to apply (or not) for citizenship by descent and you will be given a list of original documents to bring to your second appointment.

Step 4: SECOND APPOINTMENT, LODGING OF THE APPLICATION AND PROCESSING TIME

At the second appointment, after submitting all documentation in original with apostilles and translations, you will lodge your application. Irrespective of the outcome, every application is subject to a non-refundable administrative fee of 300 EUR, payable in Australian dollars by Debit Card or correct cash. This fee only applies to adult applicants (18+).

The Consulate does not provide status updates and will not respond to emails/phone calls on this point. You will receive a formal notification once your application has been approved.

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

FAMILY LINEAGE

APPLICANT

Surname Name..... Surname at birth.....
 Date of Birth/...../..... Place of birth (.....)
 Email..... Telephone.....

Birth certificate _____ Other _____
 Marriage certificate _____
 Divorce certificate _____

PARENT

Surname Name..... Surname at birth.....
 Date of Birth/...../..... Place of birth (.....)

Birth certificate _____ Naturalization certificate or Certificate of permanent
 Marriage certificate _____ residency/VEVO _____
 Divorce certificate _____ Other _____

GRANDPARENT

Surname Name..... Surname at birth.....
 Date of Birth/...../..... Place of birth (.....)

Birth certificate _____ Naturalization certificate or Certificate of permanent
 Marriage certificate _____ residency/VEVO _____
 Divorce certificate _____ Other _____

GREAT GRANDPARENT

Surname Name..... Surname at birth.....
 Date of Birth/...../..... Place of birth (.....)

Birth certificate _____ Naturalization certificate or Certificate of permanent
 Marriage certificate _____ residency/VEVO _____
 Divorce certificate _____ Other _____

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

== FOR OFFICE USE ONLY ==

Data ____/____/____	Officer _____	Derivaz. Materna/Paterna	Comune _____	Posiz. 139-_____
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WHERE TO REQUEST ITALIAN CERTIFICATES

Italian birth, death and marriages certificates shall be requested at the Comune (Municipality) of birth of your ancestor or their last Comune (Municipality) of residence in Italy

== VALID ONLY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS ==

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

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages - 91 Grenfell St. Adelaide 5000 -
<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community>

WHERE TO REQUEST THE NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE or PERMANENT RESIDENCE/VEVO

Home Affairs - Department of immigration - <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

WHERE TO APPLY FOR THE APOSTILLE

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Allianz House, 55 Currie St., Adelaide 5000 -
<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-services>

APOSTILLES DON'T NEED TRANSLATION, TRANSLATIONS DON'T NEED APOSTILLES

WHERE TO REQUEST THE PROOF OF DIVORCE

[Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia](#)

NAATI TRANSLATORS

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