



Consolato Generale d'Italia

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ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH MARRIAGE (ART.5, Legge n.91/1992 e Legge n. 94/2009)

The foreign spouse of an Italian citizen may apply for Italian citizenship, if resident abroad, after three years from the date of the marriage. These terms are halved if the couple has children under the age of 18.

The following requirements must be met:

- The couple resides in one of these States: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming ;
- The Italian spouse is registered in A.I.R.E (Italian Citizen Residing Abroad) in this Consulate General of Italy;
- The marriage has been already registered at the Town Hall in Italy;
- The couple is still married.

The request for Italian naturalization must be presented PERSONALLY.

In order to present your application and related documents you need to request an appointment (please follow the instructions under: "HOW TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT").

Both spouses must be present at the time of the appointment.

According to the expiration of some of the documents required, we strongly suggest to collect the relative documentation ONLY AFTER having scheduled an appointment with this Consulate General.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

1. **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** of the applicant.

It must be a "LONG FORM" in **CERTIFIED COPY**". Please check that the birth certificate lists the **city of birth** and **parents' names**. It must be translated into Italian and legalized with an "APOSTILLE".

2. **ESTRATTO PER RIASSUNTO DELL'ATTO DI MATRIMONIO**

It is issued by the Italian Town Hall ("Comune") where the marriage has been registered.

Please note:

The "Estratto per Riassunto dell'atto di matrimonio" must be dated no more than six months before the application.

3. **CERTIFICATES OF CRIMINAL RECORDS:**

- **"Police clearance" or "Certificate of Criminal records"** issued by the central Authority of each State (NOT COUNTY) and Country where the applicant have resided since the age of 14. The certificates must be originals, translated into Italian and with the "APOSTILLE".
- **F.B.I. clearance with fingerprints** with translation into Italian and with "APOSTILLE". When asking for it, mention that you need the "APOSTILLE" on it.
An applicant who has resided in Italy for more than six months has even to present:
 - **CERTIFICATO GENERALE DEL CASELLARIO GIUDIZIALE** (from the "Tribunale di Roma")
 - **CERTIFICATO DEI CARICHI PENDENTI** (from the "Procura della Repubblica" of the City where you resided)
- ALL CERTIFICATES OF CRIMINAL RECORDS must be dated no more than six months before the application.

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4. **ORIGINAL and a photocopy of the U.S. PASSPORT and DRIVER'S LICENSE, A UTILITY BILL OR BANK STATEMENT.**
5. **A BANK RECEIPT OF A FEE of 200 EURO** (without any charges for the beneficiary) to be paid by a wire transfer using the following bank coordinates:
BANK: POSTE ITALIANE;
ACCOUNT BENEFICIARY'S NAME: Conto Corrente Postale "MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO D.L.C.I.- CITTADINANZA";
PAYMENT REASON : Legge 15/07/2009 n.94 - Istanza cittadinanza per Matrimonio.....(name of the spouses);
ROUTING NUMBER: (Codice IBAN) IT54D076010320000000809020;
CODICE SWIFT per Poste Italiane: BPPIITRR.
6. There are **CONSULAR FEES** to be paid for each legalization provided by this Consulate General. Such fees are subject to change every three months according to the exchange from euros in dollars. Personal checks cannot be accepted.
Only Cash or Money Order.
7. **A SET OF PHOTOCOPIES** of documents referring to the applicant must be presented together with the originals.

GUIDELINES

- **HOW TO REQUEST THE "ESTRATTO DEL RIASSUNTO DELL'ATTO DI MATRIMONIO" FROM ITALY**
 - 1) Write to the "Comune" where your marriage has been registered or took place, enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope. Search the address of the Comune on the page: www.comuni.it.
Address your request to:
COMUNE DI _____
Ufficio Anagrafe – Stato Civile
(Zip code) _____ (City) _____ (Province of) _____
ITALY

A form "to request vital records at the "Comune" for Italian citizens" can be found in the section "VITAL RECORDS".
- **APOSTILLE**
U.S. birth certificate must be legalized with an "APOSTILLE" by the Secretary of State of the State in which the document has been issued: it is not a stamp on the certificate.
THE APOSTILLE doesn't need to be translated.
For the list of the **Secretaries of State** click the link in the section "VITAL RECORDS".
- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN THE COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S.**
must be translated into Italian and the translation legalized by the Italian Authority (Consulate or Embassy) in the Country where the document was issued. Visit the webpage of the Italian Consulate/Embassy responsible for the area where the certificate has been issued, to know how to proceed for the legalization of the certificate and translation. A list of all Italian Consulate/Embassies abroad is available at www.esteri.it ("Farnesina" - "Rappresentanze Diplomatiche" - "Ambasciate e Consolati" – Country).
- **DISCREPANCIES**
Check carefully all the documents **word for word** to make sure that no discrepancies appear. **Any discrepancies in your own documents must be amended and corrected.** This includes your own name and your parents' names. **If relevant discrepancies are found in your own certificates, your application will not be accepted.**

Please note that your documents of identification must have the same name/s and last name that appear on the birth certificate of the applicant.

- **TRANSLATIONS**

An accurate, complete and typed translation into Italian of all documentation other than Italian is required.

Please be informed that we don't provide a list of professional translators.

You can choose any person who is able to translate correctly into Italian.

- **APPLICATION FORM**

Please **DON'T SIGN AND DATE** your application form. You will do it at the time of your appointment at the presence of the Consular Officer at the Italian Consulate.

Incomplete applications (and/or documentation) cannot be taken into consideration.