



Ambasciata d'Italia  
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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH “JURE SANGUINIS”/RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR PEOPLE OF ITALIAN DESCENT

Italian Citizenship is based upon the principle of “*ius sanguinis*” (blood right), meaning that the child born from an Italian father or mother is an Italian citizen regardless of the place of birth.

In order to be recognized as an Italian citizen, it needs to be proven that the **Italian ancestor born in Italy was not naturalized** as a citizen of another Country before his child/children’s birth and **that the subsequent transmission of Italian citizenship did not receive any interruption (e.g. because of a renounce) along the descendants’line.**

This is the reason why we strongly suggest the applicants to start with acquiring the ancestor’s Italian birth certificate and his/her naturalization paper. **Therefore, only if you are sure that his/her naturalization didn’t take place before your intermediate ancestor’s birth, you may collect all the other required documents.**

Please note also that a person born before 01/01/1948 can claim the Italian citizenship “*iure sanguinis*” only from his/her father who was not a naturalized citizen of another Country before his child’s birth; **in fact, according to Italian legislation, a woman can transfer the citizenship only to children born after 01/01/1948, and provided that she did not lose Italian citizenship without the possibility of re-acquiring it later.**

### BEFORE COLLECTING ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS YOU MUST KNOW:

- You can submit your application to this Embassy if you are a **PERMANENT RESIDENT** in the consular circumscription of this Embassy. Your application is

individual and must be presented PERSONALLY, together with all the supporting documents. In order to present your application and related documents you need to take an appointment with us, through the "[Prenot@mi](mailto:Prenot@mi)" application system;

- if another family member, residing in our jurisdiction, is interested in submitting in the future the application for the recognition of the Italian citizenship, the same ancestors' original documentation will apply if already submitted to this Embassy, while he/she must present his/her own original certificates regarding his/her personal status;
- those whose family members have obtained the recognition of the Italian citizenship at a different Embassy/Consulate or Italian Municipality, must submit to this Office all original documentations from the Italian ancestor.

## **RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP THROUGH JURE SANGUINIS**

Please find hereunder some examples (not exhaustive) of the documents required to prove your eligibility in accordance with the personal situation and to be collected before your scheduled appointment (please note that the categories indicated do not include all the possible cases of citizenship transmission through "iure sanguinis". For further information please consult <https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/servizi/italiani-all-estero/cittadinanza.html>)

### **Example n. 1)**

***Father born in Italy***, Italian citizen at the time of your birth:

- 1.FATHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE from Italy
- 2.MOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE;
- 3.PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE;
- 4.FATHER'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OR "CERTIFICATE OF NON NATURALIZATION" issued by the Country where the ancestor lived;
- 6.FATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (if applicable) ;
7. CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT ITALIAN CONSULAR AUTHORITY STATING THAT THE FATHER HAS NEVER RENOUNCED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP OR LOST IT (so called "CERTIFICATO DI NON RINUNCIA")

**REMINDER:** if your father became a naturalized citizen of another Country before your birth, you are not entitled to Italian citizenship;

### **Example n. 2)**

***Mother born in Italy***, Italian citizen at the time of your birth:

If the applicant's date of birth is after January 1st, 1948, please follow the instructions as indicated in Category n.1, but in this case the documents to present will be those regarding your mother. **REMINDER:** You can apply through your mother only if you were born after January 1st, 1948.

### Example n. 3)

***Father/grandfather (or grandmother if the applicant's date of birth is after January 1st, 1948) born in another Country, paternal grandfather/previous ancestor born in Italy, Italian citizen at the time of your father's birth:***

- 1.PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S/PREVIOUS ANCESTOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE from Italy;
- 2.GRANDPARENTS' /PREVIOUS ANCESTORS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE;
- 4.GRANDFATHER'S/PREVIOUS ANCESTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OR "CERTIFICATE OF NON NATURALIZATION" issued by the Country where he/she lived;
- 6.PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S AND/OR GRANDMOTHER'S/PREVIOUS ANCESTOR'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE);
- 7.FATHER'S/GRANDFATHER'S AND/OR MOTHER'S/GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH/MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
- 8.FATHER'S /GRANDFATHER'S AND/OR MOTHER'S/GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
9. CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT ITALIAN CONSULAR AUTHORITY STATING THAT THE ANCESTOR AND THE FOLLOWING DESCENDANTS HAVE NEVER RENOUNCED TO ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP OR LOST IT (so called "CERTIFICATO DI NON RINUNCIA")

**REMINDERS:** If your grandfather/previous ancestor became a naturalized citizen of another Country before your father's birth, you are not entitled to Italian citizenship. If there was any interruption of the transmission of the Italian citizenship along the descendants'line, you are not entitled to Italian citizenship.

### ATTENTION:

- In the event of discrepancies and/or lack of information in the certificates /documents presented, this Embassy may request additional documentation;
- As of July 8th, 2014 the consular fee for the application of recognition iure sanguinis amounts to 300,00 euros, payable in zloty. The fee will have to be paid in cash at the time of your appointment with this Consular section. Please note that the application fee is non refundable, regardless of the outcome of the petition.

For any other information, please consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation at the webpage <http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/servizi/italiani-all-estero/cittadinanza.html>