

INFORMATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT

New legislation in Italy has changed the regulations for the submission of the application for the recognition of Italian citizenship. **When the application is submitted it is now obligatory to pay a fee of €300, regardless of whether the citizenship will be granted or not.** It is therefore essential that all the original documentation (see below) be complete at the time of presentation of the application. The documentation will be examined ONLY after it is submitted with the application.

If you are a descendent of an Italian citizen, you need to produce the **original birth, marriage and death certificates** for the LAST person in your family born in Italy (N.B. this person's birth certificate MUST be issued by the Comune of origin in Italy and is called "**estratto per riassunto dell'atto di nascita con annotazioni marginali**") and for **ALL the members of your family**, including yourself, who are descended from that person.

Each of the above certificates (except for the "estratto" and **any certificates** issued in Italy) MUST be translated into Italian and legalised (both the original and the translation) by the Italian Consulate in the country of issue, before being submitted to this Office (for the list of Italian Consulates visit: www.esteri.it).

You must obtain a declaration from the local authorities in the country of residence of the LAST person born in Italy that he/she never naturalised in that country, or with the date of naturalization. This declaration must also be translated into Italian and legalised (both the original and the translation) by the Italian Consulate in the country of issue before being presented.

IF THIS PERSON NATURALISED BEFORE THE NEXT DESCENDANT WAS BORN, YOU CANNOT QUALIFY FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

You must obtain a declaration from the competent Italian Consular Authorities, where the above persons reside, which states that none of the persons from whom you descend and you yourself have ever renounced Italian citizenship, pursuant to art. 7 of Law n. 555 of 13 June 1912.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE RENOUNCED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE NEXT DESCENDANT, YOU CANNOT QUALIFY FOR ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP.

ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP CAN ONLY BE PASSED ON THROUGH THE MOTHER WHEN THE BIRTH OF HER CHILD OCCURRED AFTER JANUARY 1st 1948.

Each original must be produced with 1 photocopy.

Only after you have all the above documents, you can request an appointment to bring them to the Embassy. To fix an appointment you may send a mail to dublino.cittadinanza@esteri.it

Please note:

the applicant is required to come to the Consulate in person with his/her passport and:

- photocopy of the green card. Please note that if you have a **tourist or student visas you are not eligible to apply.**
- photocopy of the applicant's passport (the pages showing the photograph, signature and visa);
- one proof of residence (like utility bill, council tax book, bank statement).