

RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

Documentation to be submitted.

IMPORTANT: The Checklist has the sole purpose of facilitating the user in verifying the possession of all the necessary documents to apply for citizenship by descent and has no legal value. For further information on the required documents and the necessary legalizations, read carefully what is published on the Consulate website.

IF THE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT COMPLETE, YOUR APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Ancestor documentation

- Extract of the birth certificate** ("Estratto dell'atto di Nascita") of the Italian ancestors who emigrated abroad,
- Permanent Resident Card**, or other document showing that the Italian ancestor **never acquired Canadian citizenship**, OR
- Original Canadian citizenship certificate** showing at least these essential information: **first name, last name, date of birth, and date of acquisition of Canadian citizenship (date of the oath)**
- If the Italian ancestor, prior to the birth of the direct descendant, or later, while he/she was still a minor, lived or emigrated to a country other than Canada, the naturalization certificate must be requested, legalized and translated from the authorities of that country.
- Vital records certificates** for all direct descendant (1)
- OPTIONAL: Any photocopies of old passports or other certifications issued in Italy are optional, but if they are in your possession, please include them with your application.

Applicant documentation

- Application**
- Money Order/Bank Draft**
- Birth Certificate** (1)
- Copy of Canadian passport and driver's license**, or if not in possession of a driver's license, a copy of any **utility bill** with the current address.
- If married:** marriage certificate and photocopy of spouse's birth certificate. (1)
- If divorced:** divorce order and divorce certificate. For more information, please see the dedicated section of the website (1)
- If the applicant has minor children:** their birth certificates and photocopy of the birth certificate of the other parent. (1)

(1) Before being delivered to the Consulate for its registration in Italy, the civil status documents (birth, marriage, death, divorce) that have not been issued in Italy, must be legalized and translated in the country where the document was issued. See the Civil Status section of the Consulate website for directions on how to properly prepare this documentation.

For any clarification, you can contact the citizenship office at the following email: toronto.cittadinanza@esteri.it. **The office will not respond to inquiries if the information has already been provided on the website.**

If requested, to send or complete your documentation, use the following address:
Citizenship Service - 136 Beverley Street - Toronto (Ontario) M5T 1Y5