

*Consulate General of Italy
Houston*

Dear Sir/ Madam,

this is to inform you that it is possible to have Italian citizenship recognized "iure sanguinis" if your **male** ancestors were born in Italy (**female ancestors are considered after Jan 1, 1948**).

In order to establish if such recognition is applicable in your case, you have to provide this Office with the following information (together with copy of the relevant documents as per the attached list):

- Ancestor's date and place of birth in Italy;
- Ancestor's date of marriage;
- Ancestor's male descendent born outside Italy with date and place of birth
- Male / female (after Jan 1, 1948) descendant date and place of birth, marriage;
- Ancestor's date of acquisition of another nationality (certificate of naturalization).
- Name at birth, date and place of birth, proof of your actual residency (U.S. passport (if you are not US Citizen: VISA, ARC etc.) + Driver License)

Once received what above, this Office will inform you if the Italian citizenship can be recognized or not. Should the result be favorable, you can proceed with submitting us all the required documents in original and with the necessary legalizations (Apostille), as specified in the attached list.

Delivery of said documents to this Office should be preferably done personally, by appointment.

Best regards,

the Consular Agent
(Dr. S. Sgoifo)

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Required documents:

- Birth certificate of the Ancestor born in Italy, issued by the relevant Comune (Municipality)
 - Marriage certificate; (if divorce occurred: relevant certificate and legalized translation into Italian)
 - certificate of naturalization if the ancestor got a citizenship different from the Italian one. If not, a statement by US Authorities (INS or National Archives and Records Adm.), stating that Mr.... never applied for US citizenship.
 - Death certificate (if there)
-and so on, for all the descendants, till the concerned person (demander).

The original documents have to be submitted to this Consulate General of Italy **only after receiving confirmation**, by the Officer in Charge, that the case is eligible for Italian citizenship recognition.

The original documents must be in the "**Long Form**" and - for marriages celebrated in Texas - also **copy of the "application for marriage license"** is required.

The original documents which are formed **outside of Italy** must have **Apostille** and, if formed **outside of USA**, must be translated into Italian and legalized by the Italian Consulate in that Country.

In case of recognition of Italian citizenship to the demander, could happen that some other ancestors have "automatically" the Italian citizenship recognized as well: in this case, the ones who are still alive must sign a declaration stating that they never renounced to the Italian citizenship.

Such declaration (rendered personally at the Italian Consulate or duly notarized) has to be joint to the above mentioned documents.

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