

Citizenship by descent – check list (5)

CATEGORY N. 5

Your direct paternal or maternal ancestors were born in the United States from Italian parents and they never renounced their right to Italian citizenship.

Follow the instructions under Category 3/4 but regarding your great-grandfather and great-grandmother

Please note: before 1948, children of Italian parents could claim Italian citizenship **ONLY** through their father.

Your grandfather/grandmother was born in the United States or a country other than Italy which considered him a citizen by birth “jure soli” (by the law of the soil), your paternal (maternal) **great-grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your grandfather’s/grandmother’s birth**, your grandfather/grandmother did not renounce his Italian citizenship before your birth;

Your father (mother) was born in the United States or a country other than Italy which considered him a citizen by birth “jure soli” (by the law of the soil), your father (mother) did not renounce his Italian citizenship before your birth;

1) **FORM 1** and **FORM 2** (to be signed in front of the Consular Officer in Los Angeles or have your signature Notarized);

2) **FORM 3** if your father/mother and grandfather/grandmother are alive (be signed by him/her in front of the Consular Officer in Los Angeles or have his/her signature Notarized);

3) **FORM 4** if your father/mother and grandfather/grandmother are deceased (be signed by the applicant in front of the Consular Officer in Los Angeles or have your signature Notarized);

N.B.: (please fill out the form **3** and **4** for all ancestors in blood line excluding the ancestor born in Italy);

4) **VALID PASSPORT** (plus copy);

5) **VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE** or **STATE ID** issued by California, Arizona, Nevada or New Mexico;

6) **PROOF OF RESIDENCY** (utility bill: electricity, water gas or landline bill);

7) **YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (in "full form" or "long form") **TRANSLATED** into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued);

8) **YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER’S AND GREAT- GRANDMOTHER’S BIRTH CERTIFICATE;**

9) **YOUR GREAT-GRANDPARENTS’ MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** **TRANSLATED** into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued); **if** the marriage took place in Italy, follow the procedure above. **If** it took place in Nevada or New Mexico., you must obtain also the **Marriage license** with Apostille and translation;

10) YOUR **GRANDFATHER'S AND GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE** TRANSLATED into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued);

11) YOUR **GRANDPARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** TRANSLATED into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued); **if** the marriage took place in Italy, follow the procedure above. **If** it took place in Nevada or New Mexico., you must obtain also the **Marriage license** with Apostille and translation;

12) YOUR **FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (TRANSLATED into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued);

13) YOUR **PARENTS' MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** TRANSLATED into Italian (only the certificate) with an "APOSTILLE" (from the Secretary of State of the State in which it was issued); **if** the marriage took place in Italy, follow the procedure above. **If** it took place in Nevada or New Mexico., you must obtain also the **Marriage license** with Apostille and translation;

14) YOUR **FATHER'S/MOTHER'S, GRANDFATHER'S/GRANDMOTHER'S AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S DEATH CERTIFICATE** (no translation nor Apostille are required)

15) YOUR **GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S/GRANDMOTHER'S CERTIFICATE**

NATURALIZATION: (no translation is required):

A) DECLARATION OF INTENTION/PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION (certified copy) issued by the National Archive (www.archives.gov) (no translation is required);

B) NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE (no translation is required);

15.bis) IF YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S/GRANDMOTHER'S NEVER NATURALIZED US CITIZEN, PLEASE PROVIDE:

A) ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF NONEXISTENCE OF RECORDS issued by the the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (www.uscis.gov) (no translation is required)

B) CERTIFIED COPY OF THE CENSUS first available immediately after the birth in the US of the direct descent (www.census.org) (no translation is required)

N.B.: If the document are issued by the Italian authorities you do not need an Apostille nor the translation.