

STAGES OF PROCESSING CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

PREPARATORY STAGE

- PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMISSION (PLEASE SEND ALL DOCUMENTS VIA EMAIL TO losangeles.matrimonio@esteri.it)
- APPOINTMENT TO BE SCHEDULED VIA EMAIL
- COUPLE INTERVIEW AT THE CONSULATE OF ITALY IN LOS ANGELES ("THE CONSULATE") – LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ONLINE HERE:
[Cittadinanza: invia la tua domanda | Ministero dell'Interno](#)
- ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE USUALLY APPROVED WITHIN A WEEK. ONCE APPROVED, AN IDENTIFICATION CODE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE APPLICATION.
- IF MISTAKES ARE MADE AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE ONLINE PROCEDURE, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED. APPLICANTS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO UPLOAD THE SAME APPLICATION DOCUMENTS. APPLICANTS WON'T BE REQUIRED TO PAY AGAIN A NEW FILING FEE.
- WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ONLINE SUBMISSION, APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN TO THE CONSULATE TO SIGN THEIR CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION AND DROP OFF ALL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS.
ALL THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL VERSIONS, WILL BE HELD ON RECORD AT THE CONSULATE.
- IF RESIDENCE IS CHANGED (EVEN IF FOR ONE OF THE SPOUSES ONLY), APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE CONSULATE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. APPLICATIONS WILL BE THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE ITALIAN AUTHORITY (E.G. THE CONSULATE, OR THE PREFETTURA), WHICH IS COMPETENT FOR THE NEW AREA OF RESIDENCE.
- APPLICANTS WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK THEIR ONLINE APPLICATIONS THROUGHOUT ALL THE PROCESSING TIME (UP TO 36 MONTHS)

CITIZENSHIP DECREE ISSUANCE

- WHEN A CITIZENSHIP DECREE IS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR, APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE CONSULATE VIA EMAIL AND THROUGH THE MINISTRY'S WEBSITE.
- ONCE THE APPLICANT READS THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE DECREE (TO BE PROVEN WITH EVIDENCE OF RECEIPT OF ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE), HE OR SHE WILL HAVE 6 MONTHS TO GATHER ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE CONSULATE FOR THE APPLICANT TO BE SWORN IN
- DOCUMENT CHECK-LIST:
 - **ATTO INTEGRALE DI MATRIMONIO**, I. E., UNREDUCED (NOT THE ABSTRACT) FORM MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE IS REGISTERED (PLEASE REQUEST THE UNREDUCED FORM CERTIFICATE AND NOT THE ABSTRACT CERTIFICATE)
 - A NEW **FBI BACKGROUND CHECK** WITH APOSTILLE AND TRANSLATION
 - A NEW **STATE OF RESIDENCE BACKGROUND CHECK** WITH APOSTILLE AND TRANSLATION**THESE DOCUMENTS MUST BE ISSUED AFTER THE DECREE**
- ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENCE: APPLICANTS NEED TO SEND TO THE CONSULATE PROOF OF THEIR RESIDENCE (UTILITY BILL UNDER BOTH SPOUSES' NAME AND A COPY OF THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE.)

OATH CEREMONY

- PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMISSION (PLEASE SEND ALL DOCUMENTS VIA EMAIL TO losangeles.matrimonio@esteri.it)
- THE OATH CEREMONY DATE WILL BE SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO THE CONSUL GENERAL AVAILABILITY. BOTH SPOUSES MUST ATTEND THE OATH CEREMONY (EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED IF SUPPORTED DOCUMENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED)
- OATH CEREMONY – APPLICANTS WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE CONSULATE AFTER PRESENTING ALL THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DOCUMENTS
- BY LAW, APPLICANTS BECOME ITALIAN CITIZENS AT MIDNIGHT OF THE DAY IN WHICH THEY TAKE THE OATH.

PASSAPORT GUIDELINES

PASSPORT REQUEST – APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REQUEST THEIR PASSPORT ON THE DAY OF THE OATH CEREMONY. THE CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT WILL SEND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE OATH CEREMONY TO BOTH THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND TO THE COMPETENT MUNICIPALITY IN ITALY FOR THE RELEVANT REGISTRATION (INCLUDING THE AIRE REGISTRATION). BEFORE SECURING AN APPOINTMENT IT IS RECOMMENDED TO WAIT FOR A FEW DAYS TO MAKE SURE ALL DOCUMENTS ARE PROPERLY PROCESSED AND RECEIVED BY BOTH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AUTHORITIES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE HERE:

- [Passport for Adults \(esteri.it\)](http://Passport for Adults (esteri.it))

TO BE SIGNED FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

LOS ANGELES, (DATE)