

CHECKLIST - RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

IMPORTANT: This checklist has the sole purpose of facilitating the applicant in verifying the possession of the documents required to apply for citizenship by descent. The checklist is for reference purposes only and has no legal value. Consult the [website of the Consulate General](#) for information on the required documents, translations and authentications/apostille. Applications with incomplete or insufficient documentation will not be accepted and will be returned. **The Citizenship office does not reply to requests for information available on the website.**

Documentation for the ancestor

- Certificate of birth** ("Atto di nascita integrale") of the Italian ancestor who emigrated abroad.
- An original Canadian Permanent Resident Card** to prove that the ancestor did not acquire Canadian citizenship, **OR an original "Search of Citizenship Records"** inclusive the exact date that the Italian ancestor acquired Canadian citizenship (NB. the document must include the exact personal information of the ancestor as per Italian birth certificate as well as any aliases adopted in Canada).
- If the Italian ancestor lived or emigrated to a country other than Canada**, a naturalization certificate is required for each country of past residency. The document must be original, and must be authenticated and translated to Italian in the Country of origin. The original and the Italian translation must bear the apostille of the Country of origin or the authentication of the Italian Consular office responsible for that Country.
- Original vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, death) for all direct descendants of the Italian ancestor** (1). Each original must be authenticated and translated to Italian in the Country of origin. Each original and each Italian translation must bear the apostille of the Country of origin or the authentication of the Italian Consular office responsible for that Country.
- OPTIONAL:** Include copies of previous passports or other certifications issued in Italy that may be of relevance to the application.

Documentation for the applicant

- Application form**
- Payment** in cash or bank draft of the Application fee (Art.7B) and all applicable consular authentication fees (to be calculated at the time of the appointment).
- Valid Canadian passport and driver's license** (if not in possession of a driver's license, a recent utility bill with current address).
- Original vital records** (birth, marriage, divorce) and translations of the applicant.
- If the applicant is married:** original marriage document, Italian translation, a simple photocopy of the spouse's birth certificate. (1)
- If divorced:** original Divorce Order/Judgement and Certificate of divorce. (1)
- If widowed:** spouse's death certificate.
- If the applicant has children under the age of 18:** original birth certificates and translations, if the parents are not married additional documents will be required. (1)

- 1) For clarification on the type of format that vital records **issued** inside the consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver, consult the [Vital Records section of the website](#). For all documents issued **outside** of this consular jurisdiction, consult the website of the Italian consular office responsible for the geographic region in which the documentation was issued.