

CHECKLIST - RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

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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 provide advice or make determinations on applications that have not been formally submitted, and does not reply to requests for information that is readily available on the website.

Documentation for the ancestor born in Italy

- Certificate of birth** ("Atto di nascita integrale") of the Italian ancestor who emigrated abroad.
- An original Canadian Permanent Resident Card OR a recently issued "Search of Citizenship Records"** for the Italian ancestor. The "Search" document must include the exact personal information of the ancestor as per Italian birth certificate as well as all aliases adopted in Canada. The "Search" document must also be authenticated by the [Authentication Services Section at Global Affairs 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.

OPTIONAL: Include copies of previous passports or other certifications issued in Italy that may be of relevance to the application

Documentation for all direct descendants of the ancestor born in Italy

- Original vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, death) for all direct descendants of the Italian ancestor.** 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. (1)
- If a direct descendant was born in a country other than Italy and Canada, additional proof of Non-naturalization may be required.

Documentation for the applicant

- Application form**
- AIRE registration form** (leave blank any fields that do not apply)
- Payment** in cash or bank draft of the application fee (art.7B), signature legalization fee (art. 24), and any applicable consular authentication fees (to be calculated at the time of the appointment).
- Valid Canadian passport and provincial driver's license** (if not in possession of a driver's license, a recent utility bill with current address).
- Original birth record and certified Italian translation.**
- If the applicant is married:** original marriage document, certified 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:** certified copy of spouse's birth and death certificate (no translation required)
- If the applicant has children under the age of 18:** original birth documents and certified translations are required; if the parents are not married additional documents are 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. All public documents issued in Canada must be accompanied by the Apostille of the Canadian government. For information on English to Italian translations consult [this page](#) of the website. For all documents and translations 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.