

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 of the ancestor born in Italy

- Certificate of birth** (*Atto di nascita integrale*) of the Italian ancestor who emigrated abroad.
- A **Canadian Permanent Resident Card** (original card, which will be returned, or in certified copy) **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 and all aliases used in Canada. The "Search" must 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/non-naturalization certificate is required for each country of past residency. The document must be original, and must be authenticated with the apostille or consular legalization and translated to Italian in the Country of origin. The Italian translation must also be accompanied by the apostille of the Country of origin or the authentication of the Italian Consular office responsible for that geographic region.
- Certificate of marriage** (1)
- Certificate of death** (1)

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

Documentation of 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 geographic region. (1)
- If a direct descendant was born in a country other than Italy and Canada, additional proof of Non-naturalization may be required.

Documentation of 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 provincial photo ID or a recent utility bill with full name and address).
- Original birth document** with the apostille authentication and a certified Italian translation. (1)
- If the applicant is married:** original marriage document with the apostille authentication and a certified Italian translation; a photocopy of the spouse's birth certificate and valid passport. (1)
- If divorced:** original Divorce Order/Judgement and original Certificate of Divorce with the apostille authentication and a certified Italian translation. (1)
- If widowed:** certified copies of the deceased spouse's birth and death certificate.
- If the applicant has children under the age of 18:** original birth documents and certified translations are required. (1)

- 1) For clarification on the **type of format required for vital records** issued in the consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver, consult the [Vital Records section of the website](#). All vital records and court documents issued in Canada must be accompanied by the [Apostille of the delegated Canadian authorities](#). For information on English to Italian translations consult [this page](#) of the website. For all other documents and translations issued **outside** of this consular jurisdiction, consult the website of the Italian Embassy/Consular Office responsible for the geographic region in which the documentation was issued.