

RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR PEOPLE OF ITALIAN DESCENT BORN IN USA, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHERE CITIZENSHIP IS ACQUIRED BY BIRTH.

(Only for documented Permanent Residents of Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada)

Residents outside the above jurisdiction must present their application and documentation to the Consular Authority under whose jurisdiction they reside.

If you were born in the United States (or any other Country where citizenship is acquired by birth) and any one of the situations listed below pertain to you, you may be considered an Italian citizen. (For each category all conditions must be met).

- 1)** Your father was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth and you never renounced your right to the Italian citizenship.
- 2)** Your mother was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth, you were born after January 1st, 1948 and you never renounced your right to the Italian citizenship.
- 3)** Your father was born in the United States or a Country other than Italy, your paternal grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of his birth, neither you nor your father ever renounced your right to the Italian citizenship.
- 4)** Your mother was born in the United States or a Country other than Italy, your maternal grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of her birth, you were born after January 1, 1948 and neither you nor your mother ever renounced your right to Italian citizenship.

NOTE: "Italian citizen at the time of birth" means that he/she did not acquire any other citizenship through naturalization

IF N. 1 AND N. 2 APPLY TO YOU, YOU MUST OBTAIN ALL THE DOCUMENTS FROM "B" TO "C" AS PER ATTACHED LIST.

IF N. 3 AND N. 4 APPLY TO YOU, YOU MUST OBTAIN ALL THE DOCUMENTS FROM "A", "TO "C" AS PER ATTACHED LIST.

a) - If N. 1 & 2 applies to you and your father/mother became a naturalized US citizen you must provide his/her naturalization certificate. This serves to prove that if your father/mother became a naturalized U.S. citizen, this occurred after your birth. If it occurred before your birth you are not entitled to Italian citizenship unless, of course, you fit into another category.

b) - If N. 3 & 4 applies to you, you have to submit the naturalization certificate of your grandfather showing that he was naturalized after your father's/mother's birth (if in fact he was naturalized before your father's/mother's birth then neither them nor you qualify for Italian citizenship under category 3)

c) - In case you cannot obtain the naturalization certificate, you must provide a letter (in original not photocopy) from the US Immigration Services stating the N. of the Certificate of Naturalization and the date of naturalization.

d) - In case your parents or grandparents, depending on the person through whom you are claiming your right to the Italian citizenship, never became naturalized US citizens, you must provide a letter from the US Immigration Services in Washington D.C. and from the Court of the County in which he/she resided stating that he/she was never naturalized.

e) - For documents issued in Italy such as birth or marriage certificates you have to request them from the "Comune" where your father/mother or grandfather/grandmother were born. When writing to the Comune address your request to: COMUNE DI.....(NAME OF TOWN), ITALY

f) - All documents must be in original or certified copy and if in other language than Italian, must be translated into Italian. The only document which does not need to be translated and does not need an "Apostille" is the US Certificate of Naturalization or the statement releasing information on the naturalization status of the interested party.

TRANSLATIONS: check all documents word by word to make sure that there are no discrepancies or changes particularly in the dates and places of birth. All documents issued outside Italy must bear the name or family name of the interested parties exactly as issued on the original Italian birth certificate; eg. (Brambilla and not Brimbilla) Vital Records issued in the US must be "long form" or "full form" not abstract.

Marriage certificate from the State of Nevada, or from any other State that omits vital information about the bride and groom, must be accompanied by a certified copy of the application for the marriage license.

All errors must be corrected with an official "affidavit to amend a record" to be requested from the office that issued the document or with other appropriate official document.

g) the certified copy of a US document can be obtained from the City Hall of the place where the event took place, and all US documents must bear the "APOSTILLE" (according to Hague Convention of Dec. 5, 1961) of the Secretary of State of the State in which the document was issued, (except for the Certificate of Naturalization as stated above). (APOSTILLE, is the legalization provided by the Office of the Secretary of State of the State where the document/certificate is issued). For documents issued in countries other than US (Argentina, Brazil, Peru' etc.) they must be translated into Italian and the translation legalized by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where the document was issued.

h) When all the required documentation is complete, you can either mail it to us or deliver it personally at this office, together with the enclosed Application Form duly filled up.(please use only the Application which pertains to your case) Please specify on each document to whom it pertains, eg. "grandfather's birth certificate" "parent's marriage certificate", or mark down on each document the correspondent code number as shown on the list of the required documents, for example: Grandfather's

birth certificate will be "A/1", your marriage certificate "C/2". Please include a xerox copy of a valid I.D., showing your current address. The application form must be duly filled up mentioning the Comune in Italy requested for the registration of your civil status documents. It could be either your ancestor's Comune of birth, or their last Comune of residence.

Please be advised that the procedure can be complex and lengthy, this Office will notify you in writing after your documentation has been processed

I)- If you are a male under the age of forty five you' will have military obligations to Italy, which can generally be fulfilled by completing the necessary paperwork in the pertinent Consulate, after your citizenship has been processed. However, if you are under the age of twenty six, until you reach that age you may not permanently reside in Italy for reasons other than study, unless you wish to serve in the Italian Armed Forces. Anyhow, further information on military obligations can be obtained by contacting the military section of the pertinent Italian Consulate or Embassy, depending on where you are residing.

j)Recognition of Italian Citizenship through your great grandfather's descent is also possible, only if certain conditions are met. Please call for specific information

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT ANY OF THE ABOVE PROCEDURE MAY AFFECT YOUR US CITIZENSHIP YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.