



CONSOLATO GENERALE D'ITALIA - SAN FRANCISCO UFFICIO CITTADINANZA

Please read the following information carefully and thoroughly as it pertains to vital records which are necessary for applications for Italian citizenship BY DESCENT.

1. **VITAL RECORDS ISSUED IN ITALY** must be original certified copies issued by the Comune in ITALY.
2. **VITAL RECORDS ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES** must be:
 - a. Original certified copies – ensure these are in LONG FORM format
 - b. Legalized with an APOSTILLE issued by the Secretary of State of the State that issued the vital record (visit the following webpage for information regarding apostilles:
http://www.conssanfrancisco.esteri.it/consolato_sanfrancisco/resource/doc/2017/09/apostille_info_and_sos_website_-_inglese.pdf)
 - c. Translated in Italian (visit the following webpage for a list of translators:
https://conssanfrancisco.esteri.it/consolato_sanfrancisco/en/i_servizi/traduttori/interpreti-e-traduttori.html)
 - IMPORTANT:
 - Apostilles DO NOT need translations;
 - DO NOT use Google translate. Such translations will NOT be accepted;
 - EVERY SINGLE WORD on the original document must be translated;
 - Translations must be COMPLETE, FREE OF ERRORS, prepared on a computer, printed, and with legible fonts;
 - Any translations that are incomplete and/or that contain errors will NOT be accepted, and in such case the request cannot be processed
3. **VITAL RECORDS ISSUED OUTSIDE OF ITALY & THE UNITED STATES** must be authenticated as specified by the Italian Consular authority in whose jurisdiction they were issued. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED by the presiding Consular Authority, all documents issued in countries outside of Italy and the United States must be:
 - a. Original certified copies
 - b. Legalized with:
 - Apostille (if the issuing country is part of the Hague treaty), OR
 - Consular stamp/declaration (if the country does NOT issue apostilles)
 - c. Translated in Italian AND authenticated by the presiding Consular Authority in that country

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR A LIST OF WHICH VITAL RECORDS ARE NEEDED FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT



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The applicant must provide the following vital records IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

FOR DIRECT AND INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN ASCENDANTS (BEGINNING FROM THE MOST RECENT ANCESTOR BORN IN ITALY);

1. **BIRTH CERTIFICATES**
2. **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE(S)** for ANY AND ALL marriages
3. **FINAL DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF DIVORCE(S)** for ANY AND ALL divorces.
4. **DEATH CERTIFICATES** for any deceased ascendants

FOR THE APPLICANT:

- 1) **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** of the applicant **AND** any of the applicant's children under 18 years old
- 2) **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE(S)** for ANY AND ALL marriages
 - a. **IMPORTANT:**
 - i. Indicate the spouse's personal information (exact city, state, and country of birth, etc) in the appropriate spaces on FORM 1 of the citizenship application.
 - ii. If the marriage certificate does not state complete personal information of the spouses (full first and last names, date of birth, city of birth, etc) you must also include a **Certified copy of the application for the marriage license with Apostille and translation in Italian.**
 - **EXCEPTION for CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON:** the application for marriage license is NOT required, however you MUST indicate spouse's information on FORM 1 of the citizenship application.
- 3) **FINAL DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF DIVORCE(S)** with Extramarital settlement agreement and attachments included the divorce decree (if present) for ANY AND ALL divorces.
 - a. **DIVORCE REQUEST FORM AND AFFIDAVIT** – paperwork for each divorce must be accompanied by a divorce registration form to be filled out and signed by the applicant (visit the following link to download the form:
https://conssanfrancisco.esteri.it/consolato_sanfrancisco/resource/doc/2016/05/formulari_o_divorzio.pdf)
 - b. **IMPORTANT:** For any United States divorces **you must also provide the Court's Statement of No Appeal (this also requires an Apostille and translation in Italian)** for EACH divorce (see point n. 2 of the following webpage for information:
https://conssanfrancisco.esteri.it/consolato_sanfrancisco/en/i_servizi/per_i_cittadini/stato_civile/divorzi.html#ATTI_CG_SF)
- 4) **DEATH CERTIFICATES** of any deceased spouses or minor children