

RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

Please note that the following is intended as a **general guide**. Your own particular case may differ from the norm and therefore require **further evaluation**. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Unlike Canadian citizenship, Italian citizenship depends **first and foremost** on the parents' citizenship **at the time of birth of the applicant** rather than on the applicant's place of birth. Italian citizenship is transferred from one generation to the next, provided that no other citizenship is acquired. For example, if your paternal or maternal grandfather was an Italian citizen, your father or mother born abroad would also be considered Italian. They would however, need to be officially recognised as Italian citizens before your own application could be processed.

Recognition of Italian citizenship is intended for those who technically are already Italian citizens, but **have neither been recognised nor registered as such**.

AS A GENERAL RULE, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP IF:

- you were born in Canada
(or in another country that grants citizenship by virtue of place of birth)
- your parent/s was/were Italian (or dual) citizens at the time of your birth
(before January 1st, 1948, citizenship could be transferred only through the father, after this date either parent can transfer it)

and

- you did not acquire any other citizenship prior to August 15th, 1992.

Some restrictions may apply and/or additional documents may be required.

If you are a resident of **Ontario, Manitoba or the Northwest Territories** you may submit your application in person to the Consulate in Toronto **or to one of the liaison offices** (*check our webpage for the address*). If you do not live within this jurisdiction, please contact **your own local Italian Consulate** (*check our webpage for the address*).

The application form and the list of required documents are available on pages 2 and 3. For further information please contact:

phone number 416.977-1566 ext. 295
fax number 416.977-1119 (attention citizenship)
e-mail: cittadinanza@toronto.italconsulate.org
home page: www.toronto.italconsulate.org

Please note that applications are processed on a first come first serve basis.

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

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APPLICANT

Family name and given name(s) _____
(for women please indicate maiden name and given names)
Place of birth _____ date of birth _____
(place, province and country) (dd/mm/yy)
Address _____ City _____
Postal Code _____ Tel. () _____
Marital status _____
(single, married, divorced, widowed)

SPOUSE (if married)

Family name and given name(s): _____
(for women please indicate maiden name, and given names)
Marital status prior to present marriage _____
(single, married, divorced, widowed)
Place of birth _____ date of birth _____
(place, province and country) (dd/mm/yy)
Citizenship _____ as of _____ (please indicate the date of naturalization)
father _____ mother _____
(please indicate maiden name and given name(s))
Last place of residence in Italy _____ Prov. _____

FATHER

Family name and given name(s) _____
Marital status prior to present marriage _____
(single, married, divorced, widowed)
Place of birth _____ date of birth _____
(place, province and country) (dd/mm/yy)
Citizenship _____ as of _____ (please indicate the date of naturalization)
Son of _____ and _____
(please indicate maiden name and given name(s))
Last place of residence in Italy _____ Prov. _____

MOTHER

Maiden name and given name(s) _____
Marital status prior to present marriage _____
(single, married, divorced, widowed)
Place of birth _____ date of birth _____
(place, country and province) (dd/mm/yy)
Citizenship _____ as of _____ (please indicate the date of naturalization)
Daughter of _____ and _____
(please indicate maiden name and given name(s))
Last place of residence in Italy _____ Prov. _____

Date _____

Signature _____

(name in full)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

PARENTS WHO BECAME CANADIAN CITIZENS	PARENTS WHO DID NOT BECOME CANADIAN CITIZENS
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Italian passports (<i>valid or expired</i>) or <i>“Certificato di trascorso possesso della cittadinanza italiana”</i>¹</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Canadian Citizenship⁵ (<i>long form showing day, month and year</i>) or <i>“Search Letter”</i>⁵</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate (<i>issued by the Italian City Hall where the marriage was registered</i>) or “Certified copy of registration of marriage”³ (<i>long form – 8” X 14”</i>)⁴</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Certified copy of registration of death”⁴ (<i>long form – 8” X 14”</i>) – <i>if paren/ts is/are deceased</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> All available passports since arrival in Canada or <i>“Certificato di trascorso possesso della cittadinanza italiana”</i>¹</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Canadian residency permit (<i>Legal size original “Landed Immigrant”</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate (<i>issued by the Italian City Hall where the marriage was registered</i>) or “Certified copy of registration of marriage”³ (<i>long form - 8” x 14”</i>)⁴</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Certified copy of registration of death”⁴ Long form – 8” X 14” – <i>if parent/s is/are deceased</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Permanent Residency Card”⁵ may be required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “No record letter”⁵ (<i>for women , maiden and married names must both appear on the “No record letter”.</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>

APPLICANT

(Please ensure that all last names on Canadian documents are correct)

- Birth certificate** (*if born in Ontario – Certified Copy of Registration - long form - 8” x 14”*⁴)
- Marriage certificate** (*if married in Ontario – Certified Copy of Registration – long form 8” x 14”*⁴)
- Birth certificate of children** (*if born in Ontario – Certified Copy of Registration – long form 8” x 14”*⁴)
- Valid photo ID** (*Canadian passport or driver’s license*)
- Photocopy of birth certificate of spouse** (*if married*)

If you wish to apply for an Italian passport, please bring along 2 photographs and about Cdn \$ 60 (cash only)

- 1 Issued by the Italian City Hall of the last place of residence in Italy (www.comuni.it)
- 2 If the marriage has never been registered in Italy
- 3 2 copies are required if parents originated from or were registered in 2 different Italian municipalities. If one of the parents is not an Italian citizen, please provide a photocopy of his (her) birth certificate.
- 4 This document is issued by the Registrar General of Ontario - 900 Bay Street - Toronto (www.cbs.gov.on.ca)
- 5 This document is issued by the Court of Canadian Citizenship (1-800-242-2100 or www.cic.gc.ca)