

RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

Please note that the following is intended as a **general guide** and that your own case may differ and require **specific evaluation**. If you have any doubts, please contact us.

Unlike Canadian citizenship, Italian citizenship depends **primarily** on the citizenship of the parents **at the time of birth of the applicant** and not on the place of birth. Italian citizenship can be passed on from one generation to the next, provided that there is no interruption due to the acquisition of some other citizenship. For example, if your paternal or maternal grandfather was an Italian citizen, your father or mother born abroad would also be considered Italian, however he/she would have to be recognised as such before your own application could be processed.

The purpose of an application for recognition of Italian citizenship is intended for those who, in fact, already are Italian citizens, but **have not yet been recognised** and registered as such.

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

- you were born in Canada
(or another country that grants citizenship by virtue of place of birth)
- your parent/s were Italian (or dual) citizens at the time of your birth
(before January 1st, 1948 only the father could transfer citizenship, after this date both parents can)
- you did not acquire any other citizenship before August 15th, 1992.

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

If you are a resident of **British Columbia and Yukon** you may submit your application at the Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver. If you live somewhere else, please contact **your local Italian Consulate** *(for the address please check our web-page)*.

The application form and list of documents to be presented in person to the Consulate are available below. For further information please contact:

phone number	604-684.7288 ext. 229
fax number	604- 685.4263 (attention citizenship)
e-mail:	cittadinanza@italianconsulate.bc.ca
home page:	www.italianconsulate.bc.ca

Please note that we process applications on a "first come, first serve" basis

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP

APPLICANT

Family name and given name(s) _____
(for women please indicate maiden name and given names)

Place of birth _____ date of birth _____
(please indicate, 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 _____
(please indicate place, province and country) (dd/mm/yy)

Citizenship _____ since _____ *(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 _____
(please indicate place, province and country) (dd/mm/yy)

Citizenship _____ since _____ *(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 _____
(please indicate place, country and province) (dd/mm/yy)

Citizenship _____ since _____ *(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 _____
(please sign with full name)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
for the recognition of Italian citizenship

P A R E N T S	
WHO BECAME CANADIAN CITIZEN(S)	WHO DID NOT BECOME CANADIAN CITIZEN(S)
<input type="checkbox"/> Italian passport (<i>valid or expired</i>) or " Certificato trascorso possesso della cittadinanza italiana " ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> All available passports since arrival in Canada or " Certificato trascorso possesso cittadinanza possesso della cittadinanza italiana " ¹
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Canadian Citizenship ⁵ (<i>long form showing day, month and year</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian residency permit (<i>Legal size original " Landed Immigrant"</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate (<i>issued by the Italian City where the marriage was registered</i>) or ² "Certified copy of registration of marriage" ³ (<i>long form 8" x 14"</i>) ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate (<i>issued by the Italian City Hall where the marriage was registered</i>) or ² "Certified copy of registration of marriage" ³ (<i>long form 8" x 14"</i>) ⁴
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copy of registration of death ⁴ long form - 8" x 14" - <i>if parent/s is/are deceased</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copy of registration of death ⁴ long form - 8" x 14" - <i>if parent/s is/are deceased</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> "Search of citizenship records" ⁵ (<i>for women , maiden and married names must appear on document</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPLICANT
<i>(Please ensure that all last names on Canadian documents are correct)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth ⁴ (<i>Certified Copy of Registration - long form - 8" x 14"</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage ⁴ (<i>Certified Copy of Registration – long form 8" x 14"</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth of children ⁴ (<i>Certified Copy of Registration – long form 8" x 14"</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid photo ID (<i>Canadian passport or driver's license</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of birth certificate of spouse (<i>if married</i>)
<i>N.B. We required also a simple photocopy of all documents</i>

1 Issued by the Italian City Hall of the last place of residence in Italy (www.comuni.it)

2 If marriage has not yet been registered in Italy

3 2 copies are required if parents originated from or were registered in 2 different Italian municipalities. If one parent is not an Italian citizen, provide a photocopy of his (her) birth certificate.

4 If event occurred in British Columbia or Yukon: Vital Statistics – British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency PO Box 9657 STN PROV GOV Victoria BC V8W 9P3 – Toll free :1-888-876.1633 – Enquiries: (250) 952-2681 from Victoria – (604) 660-2937 from Vancouver – Ordering by Credit Card: Telephone (250) 952-2557 – Fax (250) 952-2182

5 By computer via the following website: www.cic.gc.ca – by telephone, an application will be mailed to you: 604-666.2171