



STEP 01 Determine Italian Ancestor

Begin with an ancestor whose personal details are known such as their date of birth and town of birth in Italy, and any name variations they used in the US. It is also very helpful to know their parents' names.

STEP 02 Conduct Naturalization Record Search

Obtain from the US Government the naturalization/citizenship records, or verification of non-naturalization, of your Italian ancestor. In general, you would be eligible for Italian citizenship if your ancestor was still an Italian citizen when the descendant was born in the US. Please refer to Italian Citizenship Laws pertaining to female ancestors, ancestors from Trentino Alto Adige and ancestors who became US citizens prior to June 30, 1912.

STEP 03 Order Italian Civil Records

Obtain the birth certificate of Italian ancestor through whom you are applying; if the ancestor was married in Italy obtain the marriage record; check with your Consulate jurisdiction to see if the spouse's birth certificate is also required (this varies among jurisdictions).

STEP 04 Procure US Vital Records

Review the list of required US vital records required by the Italian Consulate of the jurisdiction in which you legally reside, obtain certified long form copies of all required records.

STEP 05 Authenticate US Vital Records With Apostille

Review your Consulate list of US records that need to be authenticated with Apostille for use in Italy and send the original records to the relevant US Government Office for authentication with Apostille.

STEP 06 Translate US Vital Records To Italian

Determine the records that must be translated into Italian for your Consulate jurisdiction and have them professionally translated.

STEP 07 Apply At The Italian Consulate Within The Jurisdiction Where You Reside

Each adult applicant for citizenship must appear in person at their Italian Consulate. The consulate will review all records and provide any feedback if they do not immediately recognize eligibility for citizenship.

STEP 08 Schedule a Passport Appointment

Your Consulate will contact you once they register you with the Comune where your ancestor was born (this may take several months). Once they contact you, schedule an appointment to obtain your Italian passport.

