

**INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS IN RELATION TO  
RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP *JURE SANGUINIS*  
(BY DESCENT)**

**WHO MAY APPLY:**

If you are a permanent resident within the jurisdiction of the Italian Consulate General in Johannesburg and if any of the situations listed below pertain to you, you may apply for Italian citizenship:

- **CATEGORY 1:** your father was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth and you never renounced your right to Italian citizenship;
  
- **CATEGORY 2:** your mother was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth, you were born after January 1, 1948 and you never renounced your right to Italian citizenship;
  
- **CATEGORY 3:** your father was born in a Country other than Italy, your paternal grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of your father's birth, neither you nor your father ever renounced your right to the Italian citizenship;
  
- **CATEGORY 4:** your paternal or maternal grandparents were born from Italian parents and they never renounced their right to Italian citizenship. (Please note: the Italian mother can transfer her Italian citizenship only to children born after 01/01/1948).

**WHO MAY NOT APPLY:**

- If the ancestor naturalized (acquisition of another nationality) **before** the birth of the next descendant in the line, then you are not eligible to obtain the citizenship
  
- If any of the ancestors renounced Italian citizenship **before** the birth of the next descendant in the line, then you are **not** eligible to obtain the Italian citizenship

**WHAT YOU NEED TO PROVIDE:**

- You need to produce the original birth, death and marriage certificates for the **last person** in your family **to be born in Italy** (and for whom the birth certificate must be issued by the *Comune* of origin in Italy and is called "*estratto per riassunto dell'atto di nascita con annotazioni marginali*")
  
- You need also to produce original birth, marriage and possible death certificates for all the members of your family, including yourself, who are descendants of the ancestor **born in Italy**.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Every one of these certificates (except for the “*estratto*” issued in Italy) must be submitted directly to the Italian Consular Office in the country where the certificates have been issued.

The certificates must bear the **Apostille** (please ask the competent Italian Consular Office where you can request the Apostille) and submitted with a certified notarized translation.

- You must obtain a declaration from the local authorities in the Country of residence of the last person to be born in Italy that he/she never naturalized in that Country. This declaration must also be translated and legalized by the Italian Consulate in the Country of issue.

In case the last person to be born in Italy naturalized in that Country, you need to produce documentation that must report the date when the naturalization was granted.

- You need to provide the date of arrival of the ancestor in the country of immigration and a list of places where the family lived, from the ancestor up to the applicant.

COSTS: Please refer to the Citizenship page

**- YOU MUST PRESENT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND ONE SET OF PHOTOCOPIES**  
**- ALL CERTIFICATES MUST BEAR THE APOSTILLE (LEGALIZATION)**  
**- ALL CERTIFICATES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE TO THE ITALIAN CONSULATE IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, EXCEPT FOR THE APOSTILLE**