

APPLYING FOR RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT (JURE SANGUINIS)

Applicants born in the United States or a country other than Italy may be eligible for recognition of Italian Citizenship.

Applicants born before January 1, 1948 may obtain Italian citizenship only through their paternal ascendants.

Eligibility to be recognized as an Italian citizen by descent generally requires that the Italian-born ancestor must have been an Italian citizen at the time of birth of their child.

Ancestors who naturalized before June 14, 1912 do not have the right to pass Italian Citizenship to their descendants.

Italian born persons automatically lost Italian citizenship if they became **U.S. citizenship by naturalization before August 16th, 1992**. Complete information on reacquisition of Italian citizenship is available at: [Reacquisition of Italian Citizenship \(esteri.it\)](https://www.esteri.it/maecis/italiano/immigrazione/cittadinanza/ricongiungimento/ricongiungimento_cittadinanza_italiana.html).

Below are the most relevant examples of **categories** eligible for recognition of Italian citizenship. Specific cases not mentioned may apply for recognition of Italian citizenship and will be evaluated at the time of submission of your application and complete documentation.

CATEGORIES

- **Category 1** - Your father was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth and never renounced his Italian citizenship. For further information, please contact boston.cittadinanza@esteri.it.
- **Category 2** - Your mother was born in Italy and was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth, you were born after January 1, 1948, and she never renounced her Italian citizenship. For further information, please contact boston.cittadinanza@esteri.it.
- **Category 3** - Your paternal grandfather/grandmother was born in Italy, your father was born in the United States or a country other than Italy, which granted citizenship by birth ("jure soli"), and your paternal grandfather/grandmother was still an Italian citizen at the time of your father's birth, neither you nor your father ever renounced your Italian citizenship. birth (Please note: before 01/01/1948, children of Italian parents could claim Italian citizenship only through their father.)
- **Category 4** - Your maternal grandfather/grandmother was born in Italy, your mother was born in the United States or a country other than Italy, which granted citizenship by birth ("jure soli"), and your maternal grandfather/grandmother was still an Italian citizen at the time of your mother's birth, you were born after January 1, 1948, and neither you nor your mother ever renounced your Italian citizenship.
- **Category 5** - Your paternal or maternal great grandfather was born in Italy, your paternal or maternal grandfather was born in the United States or a country other than Italy, which granted citizenship by birth ("jure soli"), and your paternal or maternal great grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of his son's birth, neither you nor your father or mother, or your grandfather ever renounced Italian citizenship. A grandmother born before 01/01/1948 can claim Italian citizenship only from her father and can transfer it only to children born after 01/01/1948.