

NATURALIZATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

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.

Italian citizenship was exclusive until August 16, 1992; the acquisition of any other citizenship prior to that date resulted in the **automatic loss** of the Italian citizenship.

For information on how to obtain proof of naturalization/non-naturalization documentation of the Italian born ancestor which took place in a country other than United States, please visit the website of the competent Italian Embassy or Consulate of that country.

Naturalization / Non-naturalization documents:

| Naturalization | Non-Naturalization |
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| Naturalization Certificate: notarized copy. No translation. | USCIS Certificate of Nonexistence of Record with envelope . No translation. |
| And/Or | And |
| Declaration of intention/Petition for naturalization and Oath of Allegiance: certified copy from National Archives (NARA). No translation. | National Archives (NARA) No Record of Naturalization. No translation. |
| And/Or | And |
| Declaration of intention/Petition for naturalization and Oath of Allegiance: certified copy from local Court/County with Apostille . No translation. | Declaration of non-existence of naturalization records issued in certified copy by all the Counties of residence, with Apostille . No translation. |
| And/Or | And one of the following: |
| Declaration of intention, petition for naturalization and naturalization certificate issued in photocopy by US Immigration and Naturalization Services (USCIS) with envelope . No translation. | National Archives (NARA) Census record in certified copy , dated after the birth of next-in-line relative. No translation. |
| | Documents (photocopy) proving the alien status (i.e. ARC/Mod. AR-2), issued after the birth of next-in-line relative. No translation. |
| | Italian passport or Green Card (photocopy) dated after the birth of next-in-line relative. |