



*Consolato Generale d'Italia*  
*Los Angeles*

**RECOGNITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR PEOPLE OF ITALIAN DESCENT BORN IN USA,  
OR OTHER COUNTRY WHERE CITIZENSHIP IS ACQUIRED BY BIRTH.**  
**APPLICABILITY**

If you were born in the United States and any of the situations listed below applies to you, you may be eligible for recognition as an Italian citizen. (For each category all conditions must be met).

- 1) Your father was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth and you never renounced your right to the Italian citizenship.
- 2) Your mother was an Italian citizen at the time of your birth, you were born after January 1st, 1948 and you never renounced your right to the Italian citizenship.
- 3) Your father was born in the United States, your paternal grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of his birth, neither you nor your father ever renounced your right to Italian citizenship.
- 4) Your mother was born in the United States, your maternal grandfather was an Italian citizen at the time of her birth, you were born after January 1, 1948 and neither you nor your mother ever renounced your right to Italian citizenship.

NOTE: "Italian citizen at the time of birth" means that he/she did not acquire any other citizenship through naturalization

**LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED.**

**IF N. 1 OR N. 2 APPLY TO YOU, YOU MUST OBTAIN ALL THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN "B" AND "C"**

**IF N. 3 OR N. 4 APPLY TO YOU, YOU MUST OBTAIN ALL THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN a)"A", "B" AND "C"**

- a) - If N. 1 & 2 applies to you and your father/mother became a naturalized US citizen you must provide his/her naturalization certificate. This is necessary to prove that if your father became a naturalized U.S. citizen, this occurred after your birth. If it occurred before your birth you are not entitled to Italian citizenship unless, of course, you fit into another category.
- b) - If N. 3 & 4 applies to you, you have to submit the naturalization certificate of your grandfather showing that he was naturalized after your father's/mother's birth (if in fact he was naturalized before your father's/mother's birth then neither them nor you qualify for Italian citizenship under category 3)
- c) - In case you cannot obtain the naturalization certificate, you must provide a letter (in original not photocopy) from the US Immigration Services stating the N. of the Certificate of Naturalization and the date of naturalization.
- d) - In case your parents or grandparents, depending on the person through whom you are claiming your right to the Italian citizenship, never became naturalized US citizens, you must provide a letter from the US Immigration Services in Washington D.C. and from the Court of the County in which he/she resided stating that he/she was never naturalized.
- e) - For documents issued in Italy such as birth or marriage certificates you have to request them from the "Comune" where your father/mother or grandfather/grandmother were born. When writing to the Comune address your request to: **COMUNE DI.....(NAME OF TOWN), ITALY**