ACQUISITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE TO AN ITALIAN CITIZEN
APPLICATION ONLINE

General Guidelines
The foreign spouse of an Italian citizen may apply for Italian citizenship after 2 years of marriage if the couple resides in Italy or after 3 years of marriage if it resides abroad. These time frames are reduced by half if there are children born or adopted by the married couple.

If legal separation, divorce or death of the Italian spouse takes place before the issue of the Italian Ministry of Interior decree conferring the Italian citizenship, applicant lose his/her right to acquire nationality.

Please, be advised that, starting August 1, 2015, the “Application for Italian citizenship by marriage” must be lodged ONLINE only, through the ALI portal of the Italian Ministry of the Interior https://nulloastalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/registrazione_user.

Once registered, you may check the status of your application through the following link https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it.

Pre-requirements to submit the ONLINE application
1. The marriage must be already registered at the Comune in Italy;
2. If the couple resides abroad, the Italian spouse must be registered at the Embassy as an Italian Citizen Residing Abroad - A.I.R.E. and the foreign spouse must be resident in this Consular district.

DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ON THE ALI PORTAL
After the registration, the foreign spouse has to fill out the application form online available at https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it and upload the following documents:

1. BIRTH CERTIFICATE with Apostille (if the certificate is issued in New Zealand or in a country that adheres to the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961) and translation into Italian, legalized by the Italian Consular Authority where the documents were issued.
   If the birth certificate is issued in a country that does not recognize the Hague Convention, the original document must be legalized by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Italian.

2. ESTRATTO PER RIASSUNTO DELL’ATTO DI MATRIMONIO, issued by the Italian Municipality where the marriage is registered or by the Italian Municipality where it took place (the marriage certificate issued abroad is not acceptable).

3. CRIMINAL RECORDS CERTIFICATES, to be requested to the competent Police or Judiciary Authorities of each foreign country where the applicant had resided after the age of 14.
   These documents must be completed by Apostille and translation into Italian. If the criminal record documentation is issued by a Country that does not recognize the Hague Convention, all certificates must the legalized by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs, translated into Italian and legalized by the Italian Consular Office where the certificates are issued.
   N.B. These certificates are valid for six months from the date of issue by the competent foreign authority.
   This office cannot be responsible in case of expiration of criminal records due to rejection of an unacceptable application. It is the applicant's responsibility to fill correctly all the field in the application and to upload all the documents necessary.
5. **APPLICANT'S PASSPORT:** only the pages showing the photograph and signature.

6. **PROOF OF BANK TRANSFER OF € 200.00** to “Ministero dell'Interno”.
   The fee must be paid by international bank transfer only. You need to provide the following details to your bank:
   - Name of Bank: Poste Italiane S.p.A.;
   - Account name: Ministero dell'Interno D.L.C.I.
   - Reference: (Name and Surname) Legge n. 94/2009 contributo Euro 200
   IBAN Code: IT54D0760103200000000809020 BIC/SWIFT: BPPIITRRXXX

**ONLINE APPLICATION – THE PROCEDURE STEP-BY-STEP**

The application must be completed in all its parts. The different pages of the documents must be clearly visible in a multiple pages **single** pdf file.

**N.B. Multiple pages related to the same document must be scanned in a single pdf, with the following characteristics:**
- 100 DPI resolution;
- black and white;
- less than 3MB.

**Once uploaded, the documents must be sent by clicking on “INVIA” and not “SALVA”**.

When the application is submitted, the system will create two items:
1) Application summary;
2) Application submission id number. Once the application is checked by this Embassy, it will be either:
   a. Accettata (Accepted);
   b. Accettata con riserva (Accepted pending the upload of further documents);
   c. Rifiutata (Rejected).

Once the application is checked, the applicant will receive feedback via email through the ALI website. In the first two instances (application accepted or accepted pending the upload of further documents) the system will generate a K10/C reference number.

Accepted applications will receive an invitation via email to contact the Embassy and agree on a date in which to deliver the originals of the application documents. On the day of the appointment, the applicant must bring all the originals as uploaded on the website.

The documents will be checked during the appointment and will not be returned.

The applicant will have to pay consular fees (by cash or by bank cheque only) for the following certificates, which will be issued by the Embassy:
1. art. 24: Authentication of the applicant’s signature on the application;
2. art. 72A: Certified translation per each document issued in New Zealand;
3. art. 04a: Certificate of citizenship of the Italian spouse;
4. art. 08: Family certificate;
5. art. 08: Certificate of registration in the consular registry.


If the applicant is a E.U. citizen, he/she can certify the information of some of the above certificates (specifically no. 3/4/5).
If the application is accepted pending the upload of further documents, it will be necessary to upload the documents according to the indications received **EXCLUSIVELY** on the ALI website.

Submission of additional documentation via email **WILL NOT be accepted**. There will be no invitation sent until the further documentation is checked.

Following the original documents submission the citizenship process will be managed by the Italian Ministry of the Interior. In any case, the applicant will be able to check the progress of the application directly through the ALI portal.

Rejected applications will receive a detailed feedback, please avoid asking for further information via the email address of this office. All communications must be through the ALI portal.

**PLEASE NOTE** only accepted applications will receive an invitation to post the original documents to the Embassy.

**Important notes:**

Please note that, once you completed the on-line application, the procedure is not finished yet.

To finalize the process, you should present all your documentation in original:

- a. in person, at the Italian Embassy in Wellington (please book an appointment online [http://www.ambwellington.esteri.it/ambasciata_wellington/en/in_linea_con_utente/prenota_la_visita](http://www.ambwellington.esteri.it/ambasciata_wellington/en/in_linea_con_utente/prenota_la_visita);
- b. or by posting it (the signature on the application has to be authenticated (consular fee applies) by a Honorary Consular representatives in New Zealand (Auckland/Bernadette Luciano, Christchurch/Belfiore Bologna, Dunedin/Sergio Salis) or in front of a JP.

Be also aware that the above mentioned documents cannot be older than 6 months when presented to this Office the day of your appointment and, if a legalization is needed from this Embassy, **a consular fee must be paid on the day of the appointment** (amount varies and it will be calculated on site. Bank available on site).

**DOCUMENTS TO BE POSTED TO THE EMBASSY, ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED**

- **ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**, including application with duly authenticated applicant’s signature;
- **APPLICANT’S RESIDENT VISA**, issued by the NZ Immigration Authorities (if the applicant is not a NZ citizen);
- Bank cheque in the name of the “Italian Embassy” for the total amount in NZD, as per instructions above.

**Instructions (In Italian only):**

Manual: [https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/manuali](https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/manuali)

FAQ: [https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/ListaFAQ?type=1](https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/ListaFAQ?type=1)

This Embassy cannot provide assistance for technical issues. A Help Desk is available for any issues please see the Ministero dell’Interno’s website below.

**Helpdesk:**

[https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/support_registration](https://nullaostalavoro.dlci.interno.it/Ministero/support_registration)
EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE RULES

ACQUISITION OF ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR WOMEN MARRIED TO AN ITALIAN CITIZEN BEFORE APRIL 27, 1983.

In this specific case only, the acquisition of Italian citizenship is obtained requesting the Embassy of Italy in Wellington the registration in Italy of the marriage certificate.

In order to do so, the applicant must take an appointment on-line with this Consular Office at http://www.ambwellington.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Wellington/Menu/In_linea_con_utente/Prenota_la_visita/.

The day of the appointment, the applicant is requested to present the following documents:

1. Application form (to be signed before a consular officer);
2. Copy of the applicant ID (either a passport or a driver’s license);
3. Applicant’s birth certificate, completed by the Apostille (if the certificate is issued in New Zealand or in a country that adheres to the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961) and translation into Italian;

   If the birth certificate is issued in a country that does not recognize the Hague Convention, the original document must be legalized by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Italian;
   The certificate and the translation must be legalized by the Italian Consular Office where the documents are issued;

4. Affidavit of no divorce or separation provided along a photocopy of the Italian ID of the spouse;
5. Bank cheque made to the Italian Embassy in Wellington for the amount in NZ $ equivalent to € 300.00 (for the updated amount please refer to the “Consular Fees” on the Embassy’s website www.ambwellington.esteri.it – Forms – Consular Fees).