

Frequently Asked Questions:

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Q: Does the online questionnaire begin my citizenship application?

A: No, it does not. The process is initiated after you contact your consulate. In order to pursue dual citizenship you have to be very proactive in the whole procedure. It is your responsibility alone to gather all the necessary documents and get in contact with the Italian consulate that has jurisdiction over your address of residence. The procedure in gaining dual citizenship is all but easy, therefore a proactive attitude and a lot of patience is the best approach to achieve your goal.

Q: How long does it take to obtain citizenship?

A: According to a representative from the Italian embassy:

"It all depends on many factors; however there is no general time frame. All citizenship applications are taken on a case by case basis. It can take as long as a few years".



HAVING TROUBLE GETTING YOUR CITIZENSHIP?

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- ✓ individual application preparation; and/or
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About Italian Representation in the US

Q: Which Italian Consulate has jurisdiction over my address of residence?

[Embassy link](#)

[Consulates link](#)

Q: Where and how can I find copies of my family records?

[Answer](#)

Q: How do I become an Italian citizen? Or, how do I gain back my Italian citizenship? Are my spouse and child eligible?

[Answer](#)

The principle of jure sanguinis is that you are Italian since birth. The process recognizes the citizenship you already possess. Italian law state that spouses of Italian citizens and children can apply for citizenship. Spouses can attain citizenship after six months if living in Italy, and three years if living abroad. Children can apply with parents if under 18 years of age, or will have to apply separately if an adult.

Q: Could women pass citizenship to their children before January 1, 1948?

No; only children born to Italian mothers after January 1, 1948 are eligible. (Refer to the answer above).

Q: What if I do not know when my Italian ancestor was naturalized?

For naturalizations occurring after 1906, visit the website of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

[View Link](#)

Q: Where do I make the request for a Certification of Nonexistence of a Record?

USCIS Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Office

[View Link](#) for guidelines.

Q: Which law governs the one year military service for men, and what does it say?

[Answer](#)

Q: What is AIRE (Registry of Citizens Residing Abroad) and how do I register?

[Answer](#)

Q: Whom do I contact to vote in elections?

[Answer](#)

Q. Which office issues passports, and what procedure do I have to follow?

[Answer](#)



About the European Union

Q: What is European citizenship?

[Answer](#)

Q: What kind of guarantees does the European Union give me inside and outside of the EU?

[Inside](#)

[Outside](#)

Q: What formalities do I need to do when leaving/arriving to/from an EU country?

[Answer](#)

Q: As an Italian citizen, can I live in another European country? What are the conditions?

[Answer](#)

Q: I am an Italian citizen; can I study in another European country?

[Answer](#)

Q: As an Italian citizen could I work in another EU country? What are the conditions?

[Answer](#)