

- f) - All documents must be in original or certified copy and if in other language than Italian, must be translated into Italian. The only document which does not need to be translated and does not need an "Apostille" is the US Certificate of Naturalization or the statement releasing information on the naturalization status of the interested party. TRANSLATIONS: check all documents word by word to make sure that there are no discrepancies or changes in the names, last names, dates and places of birth. All documents issued outside Italy must bear the name or family name of the interested parties exactly as issued on the original Italian birth certificate; eg. (Giuseppe and not Joseph or Brambilla and not Brimbilla) All documents must be "long form" or "full form" not abstract. Marriage certificate from the State of Nevada, or from any other State that omits vital information about the bride and groom, must be accompanied by a certified copy of the application for the marriage license. All variations or errors must be corrected with an official "affidavit to amend a record" to be requested from the office that issued the document or with other appropriate official document.
- g) The certified copy of a US document can be obtained from the City Hall of the place where the event took place, and all US documents must bear the "APOSTILLE" (according to Hague Convention of Dec. 5, 1961) of the Secretary of State of the State in which the document was issued, (except for the Certificate of Naturalization as stated above). APOSTILLE, is the legalization provided by the Office of the Secretary of State of the State where the document/certificate is issued. For documents issued in countries other than US, they must be translated into Italian and the translation legalized by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where the document was issued.
- h) When all the required documents have been translated into Italian, you can either mail them to us or deliver them personally at this office. If you decide to mail your documents please specify on each document to whom it pertains, eg. "grandfather's birth certificate" "parent's marriage certificate", or mark down on each document the correspondent code number as shown on the list of the required documents, for example: Grandfather's birth certificate will be "A/1", your marriage certificate "C/2". Please include a xerox copy of a valid I.D., showing your current address and a letter mentioning the Comune in Italy requested for the registration of your civil status documents. It could be either the Comune of birth of your ancestor or the Comune where you intend to establish your residency, or the Comune of Rome. We will notify you in writing after your documentation has been processed.
- i) If you, your parent and/or your grandparent resided outside of the territorial jurisdiction of this Consulate General (Arizona, New Mexico, Counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Imperial Valley, Orange and Nevada) prior to submit your documents to the Comune, we must request and receive a statement from each competent Italian Consulate, that according to their records the party concerned never renounced his/her Italian citizenship.
- j) - If you reside outside our jurisdiction you must present the documents to the Consulate under whose jurisdiction you reside.
- k) - If you are a male under the age of forty five you'll have military obligations to Italy, which can generally be fulfilled by completing the necessary paperwork in the pertinent Consulate, after your citizenship has been processed. However, if you are under the age of twenty six, until you reach that age you may not permanently reside in Italy for reasons other than study, unless you wish to serve in the Italian Armed Forces. Anyhow, further information on military obligations can be obtained by contacting the military section of the pertinent Italian Consulate or Embassy, depending on where you are residing.

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT ANY OF THE ABOVE PROCEDURE MAY AFFECT YOUR US CITIZENSHIP YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.