



Consulate General of Italy Osaka

CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE OR BY CIVIL PARTNERSHIP TO AN ITALIAN CITIZEN (Articles 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Law No. 91/92)

The foreign spouse can acquire Italian citizenship upon request, having the following

PRE REQUIREMENTS:

- a) the Italian spouse must be registered at this Consulate General as an Italian citizen residing Abroad (A.I.R.E)
- b) proof of residence: - for the Japanese spouse, residence certificate (住民票 jumin-hyo);
- for the NON Japanese spouse, residence card (在留カード zairyu card);

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **in Italy:** two years of legal residence after marriage;
abroad: three years after marriage or since the date of acquisition of Italian citizenship by naturalization. These terms are **halved in case of children born or adopted by the spouses;**
2. **validity of marriage** and registration of the marriage certificate with the competent Italian Municipality, as well as persistence of the marriage bond until the adoption of the decree;
3. **absence of convictions** for offences leading to a maximum penalty of three years of prison or convictions by a foreign judicial authority of over one year for non-political offences, when the conviction has been registered in Italy; absence of convictions for one of the offences listed in Book 2, Title I, Chapters I, II and III of the Criminal Code (offences against the State); absence of obstacles related to the security of the Italian Republic;
4. **certified knowledge of the Italian language at a level no lower than B1** of the "Common reference framework for knowledge of languages" (rule in force for the applications submitted starting from December 4, 2018).

HOW TO APPLY:

from August 1, 2015, the subjects living abroad shall submit an application to acquire the Italian citizenship electronically according to the new procedure established by the competent Ministry for Internal Affairs.

The applicants shall register on the dedicated portal, called **ALI**, at the following URL address <https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it> and, after logging in, they will have access to the e-procedure for submitting the citizenship application.

The user shall complete all the fields envisaged by the form and enclose the following four mandatory documents indicated by the Interior Ministry to submit the application for citizenship (it should be noted that EU Regulation No. 2016/1191, which entered into force on February 16, 2019, provides for the exemption of legalization on condition that public documents are issued to a EU citizen by the authorities of his / her Member State of citizenship):

DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE:

- a) birth certificate of the country of origin** duly translated and legalized (in compliance with the obligations provided for by law in relation to legalization/ apostille and translation) containing all relevant data or, in case of documented impossibility of producing it, an affidavit issued by the diplomatic-consular authorities of the country of origin stating all accurate personal details (name, surname, date and place of birth), as well as those of the applicant's father and mother;
- b) criminal record of the country of origin and of any third countries of citizenship**, duly translated and legalized (in compliance with the obligations provided for by law in relation to legalization/ apostille and translation);
- c) receipt of payment of 250 euro;**

Beneficiary account name	MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO D.L.C.I. – CITTADINANZA
Reason of payment	Domanda di Cittadinanza
Name and surname of the payee	xxxxxxx xxxxxx
Receiving Bank Name and address	Poste Italiane SPA – Viale Europa 175 , Roma , ITALY
Int.l Bank Account Num. (IBAN)	IT54D0760103200000000809020
Bank account number	809020
Receiving Bank Swift/BIC code	BPPIITRRXXX

- d) certified copy of the identification document** (with attached official translation in Italian, where the document does not contain data also in English or French, in addition to the original language), certified by the diplomatic-consular Mission of the foreign State that issued it;
- e) diploma, degree or qualification** issued by a public or equivalent educational institution or certification issued by a certifying body. Currently the following entities can be considered certification bodies, as they belong to the unified certification system known as Italian Quality Language Certification (CLIQ):
 - the University for foreigners of Siena,
 - the University for foreigners of Perugia,
 - the Roma Tre, University
 - the Dante Alighieri Society.

Therefore, the certifications issued by these entities, possibly also in collaboration with the local Italian cultural institutes, will be considered valid. With a view to knowing the educational institutions qualified to issue the certification requested, please consult the dedicated web page of the Italian language portal <https://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it/lingua/corsi/certificazioni/ricerca.do?l=en>

PROCEDURES:

Before submitting the application electronically contact the diplomatic-consular Mission for a preliminary review of the documentation that will be submitted.

After submitting the application electronically, the user will be summoned by the diplomatic-consular Mission that received the application for the identification and the other requirements and procedures necessary for completing the application, including the acquisition of the original documents attached to the application submitted online and of any other document useful for processing the application.

In this regard, it is specified that, if the applicant is an EU citizen, the following deeds, i.e. copy of the marriage certificate, family status certificate and certificate of Italian citizenship of the spouse, are replaced by self-certification pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000 and most recently by Law No. 183/2011.

The applicant who is a citizen of a non-EU country may be exempted from submitting copy of the marriage certificate, the family status certificate and the spouse's certificate of Italian citizenship only if these deeds are already in possession of the diplomatic-consular Mission.

In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 5, of Presidential Decree No. 572/93, the Interior Ministry may request other documents, as appropriate.

It is recommended to consult the website of the Mission competent by residence https://consosaka.esteri.it/Consolato_Osaka/it/

Following the publication on the Official Journal (issue No. 22 of January 27, 2017) of the legislative decrees No. 5, 6 and 7 of January 19, 2017 - adopted pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 28, of Law No. 76 of May 20, 2016 (Provisions regulating civil partnerships between same-sex people and provisions applied to people living together) – as from February 11, 2017 applications for Italian citizenship can be submitted online, pursuant to Articles 5 and 7 of Law No. 91/1992, also by male or female foreign citizens who established a civil partnership with male or female Italian citizens, entered into the civil status register of the Italian Municipality.