



Consolato d'Italia Cape Town

CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE (SEE LAST PAGE FOR ITALIAN INSTRUCTIONS)

Request may only be initiated after three years of marriage and subject to the marriage having been duly registered in Italy.

If the couple has children, request may be initiated after 18 months of marriage subject to the children having been duly registered in Italy.

The application may not be submitted if the spouses are divorced or separated.

Documents required for citizenship application:

- Original UNABRIDGED birth certificate, - obtainable from Dept. of Home Affairs if born in South Africa. Certificate must first be legalized with an Apostille issued by DIRCO (see attached instructions or visit [DIRCO](#)) and then translated by a sworn translator. If born out of South Africa then certificate from country of birth, duly translated and legalized by the Italian/competent authorities in that country.
- Criminal record certificate, (for each country in which applicant has resided) – refer to SAPS for application. Certificate must first be legalized with an Apostille issued by DIRCO (see attached instructions or visit [DIRCO](#)) and then translated by a sworn translator.
NB: note that the criminal record certificate has a 6 month validity.
- Receipt of proof of payment for amount of Euro 200 to the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs (see payment instructions reflected below).
- Copy of applicant's identity document/passport

Application:

- Citizenship application to be **submitted online by the applicant**:
<https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it> (original legalized and translated unabridged birth certificate, original legalized and translated criminal record certificate, proof of payment of Euro 200 and copy of id must be scanned and attached to application.)
- Thereafter the Consulate of Italy in Cape Town will contact you to set up an appointment in order to verify the application. All original documents stated above must be presented.
- Application form submitted on line must be printed and presented to be signed in front of Consular official for authentication of signature.

Sworn translators

Please consult our website for a list of sworn translators: www.conscapetown.esteri.it

Total consular cost – payment instructions

- a- R 626.00 (subject to exchange rate) to be paid in cash/ EFT to the Consulate
- b- Euro 200 to be transferred internationally into the following account:

Type: **post office account**

Account holder: MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO D.L.C.I. – CITTADINANZA

Address of account holder: Piazza del Viminale n. 1 - 00184 Roma

IBAN: IT54D0760103200000000809020

BIC/SWIFT code: BPPIITRRXXX

reference must state: "Domanda cittadinanza": name, surname and date of birth of the person who applies for citizenship

Processing period 24 – 36 months

Apostille instructions – excerpt from the [DIRCO website](#)

How to submit documentation to the Legalisation Section

Documents can be submitted to the Legalisation Section by one of the following means:
(Please take note that the addresses for submission of documents to the Legalisation Section differ, depending on the manner in which documents are submitted.)

Option 1: Submission in person:

Physical address: Department of International and Cooperation (DIRCO), OR Tambo Building, 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale, Pretoria, 0084 – Office NE2A-Ground Floor or request the security to direct you to the Legalisation Section (reception area).

Requirements: Our public hours are strictly from 08:30 to 12:30 (Monday to Friday, except for public holidays).

Note: No letter of permission or ID book etc., is required to submit and collect documents in person (on another person's behalf). Customer are required to retain the blue (process) slip with the reference number to ensure that they are able to collect the documents when finalised.

Option 2: Submission via a courier service:

Physical address: Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), OR Tambo Building, 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale, Pretoria, 0084 – Attention: Legalisation Section (Office NE2A-Ground Floor).

Requirement for submitting documentation: It is essential to include a covering letter, addressed to the Legalisation Section, stating the country for which the document is needed, as well as contact information and especially an e-mail address. (**Note:** Clearly indicate to the courier company that the documentation must strictly be delivered directly to the Legalisation Section during public hours i.e. between 08:30 and 12:30, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.)

If an e-mail address was included within the covering letter, the customer will then receive an e-mail notification (within this e-mail notification will be the procedure to be followed to make arrangements for collection via a courier service). It must be noted that the e-mail notification will only be forwarded once the documents were actually received and processed accordingly. The customer may also follow-up directly with the Legalisation Section by forwarding an e-mail to legalisation@dirco.gov.za (providing the name of the courier company; the airway bill number; and the date of delivery).

Procedure iro collection purposes via a courier service: The customer must firstly receive the e-mail notification from the Legalisation Section; - it will be confirmed that the documents were processed and is in fact ready for collection. The customer will then be requested to make arrangements with the courier service directly, and provide the courier company with a letter of authority, which must include the specified address where it must be forwarded to, and the specific reference number which was allocated by the Legalisation Section (which will be contained in the e-mail notification). Therefore, without this letter of authority containing the required information and the reference number provided, the courier company will not be able to collect the documents on behalf of the customer.

Click on the link below to download the Letter of Authority:

[LETTER OF AUTHORITY](#)

Note: Return service to be paid by the customer.

Option 3: Submission by registered/fast mail:

Postal address: Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Attention: Legalisation Section, Private Bag X152, Pretoria, 0001.

Requirements: Include an **A4-size** self-addressed/pre-paid return envelope (no cash will be accepted), to allow the Legalisation Section to return the documents to the customer upon completion.

Documents forwarded by mail must be accompanied by a covering letter, depicting the number of documents to be legalised, the country for which the legalisation is required as well as the full contact (telephone/e-mail) details of the sender.

Important note: The customer must ensure that the correct current RSA Post Office rates for domestic deliveries are adhered to, and to ensure that the correct value of stamps are placed on the return envelope. For further information and current rates, please visit the SAPO website –

<http://www.postoffice.co.za>.

South African citizenship Law

Loss of South African Citizenship (Section 6)

A South African citizen who by a formal and voluntary act acquires the citizenship of another country, automatically loses his or her South African citizenship.

Retention of South African citizenship may, however, be applied for, but must be done and be approved before acquisition of the other citizenship to prevent automatic loss of the South African citizenship. Applications must be on [form BI 1664](#) and are subject to payment of a prescribed fee of R160-00. Applications may be lodged at any Home Affairs domestic office or if abroad, at the nearest South African Embassy or Mission.

For more information please visit http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/sa_citizenship.asp

The Dept. of Home affairs will request a declaration from this consulate stating that Italy allows dual citizenship. The applicant has to request it and collect it personally from this office. R71.00 revenue stamp to be paid to consulate for issuance of above declaration.

DOMANDA DI CITTADINANZA ON LINE

DAL 01.08.2015

Domanda di cittadinanza – stranieri residenti all'estero

ONLINE : <https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it>

Dall'estero il richiedente deve registrarsi inserendo i dati personali come segue:

COGNOME NOME DATA DI NASCITA gg-mm-aa

donna coniugata –cognome da nubile

[COME PRESENTE NELL'ATTO DI NASCITA]

In caso di errato inserimento dei dati anagrafici sarà necessario procedere alla cancellazione della registrazione al portale, dopo aver effettuato l'accesso, utilizzando la funzione del menù "Cancella la registrazione al portale" ed effettuare successivamente una nuova registrazione.

Selezionando Funzione 1 "Gestione Domanda", il richiedente residente all'estero dovrà selezionare il Modello AE- cittadini stranieri residenti all'estero, Art.5.

Si dovrà compilare tutti i campi previsti sul modello selezionato e caricare i quattro documenti obbligatori:-

- Estratto di nascita del paese di origine
- Certificato penale del paese di origine e di eventuali paesi terzi,
- Ricevuta di versamento;
- Documento di riconoscimento.

Sarà possibile salvare, modificare, eliminare oppure inviare la domanda completata.

Quando il richiedente invierà la domanda, verrà generato un documento riepilogativo e una ricevuta di invio contenente anche un numero identificativo (id.domanda).

Il richiedente potrà stampare i due documenti.

Gli operatori di Rappresentanza diplomatico-consolare riceveranno una comunicazione da – ALI.
"da leggere" NUOVE RICHIESTE DI CITTADINANZA ONLINE.