

## **Citizenship by marriage to an Italian Citizen (Law n. 91 February 5th 1992)**

The foreign spouse of an Italian citizen may apply for Italian citizenship to the Prefettura after being married for 2 years, if they reside in Italy, and to the Italian Consulate after being married for 3 years if they reside abroad.

The above periods are reduced by half if the spouses have biological or adopted children.

Two basic requirements to be met prior to submitting the application are:

- the marriage must have already been registered at the Town Hall in Italy.
- the Italian spouse must be registered at the Consulate as an Italian Citizen Residing Abroad (A.I.R.E.).

### DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT

1. **VALID PASSPORT**
2. Original "**ESTRATTO PER RIASSUNTO DAI REGISTRI DI MATRIMONIO**" issued by the Comune in Italy where the marriage has been registered
3. PROOF OF RESIDENCY: **UAE residence visa**
4. **ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE**: the certificate must be legalized/apostilled, translated into Italian and certified by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where the document was issued.
5. **GOOD CONDUCT/CRIMINAL RECORDS** (validity 6 months) issued by the Nation of origin and all countries where the applicant lived since the age of 14. All these certificates must be legalized/apostilled, translated into Italian and certified by the Italian Consulate/Embassy in the Country where they were issued.
6. **CERTIFICATE ATTESTING AN ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE (B1 level and above of CEFR - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)**. All applications submitted starting from that date must include either a certificate or diploma issued by an Italian state school or recognized private school, or a certificate of Italian as a foreign language issued by an approved institute (a list is available on the Italian language portal: [www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it](http://www.linguaitaliana.esteri.it)).
7. **RECEIPT OF PAYMENT OF € 250 FEE** - As required by the new Law n. 94/2009, starting August 8th, 2009 there is a fee of € 250 to be paid by all applicants presenting their applications of citizenship by marriage. The fee of € 250 must be paid prior to the appointment, through international bank transfer, following these guidelines:  
BENEFICIARY: CONTO CORRENTE POSTALE "MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO D.L.C.I. - CITTADINANZA"  
Piazzale del Viminale, 00184 – ROMA (ITALIA)  
BANK: Poste Italiane spa  
IBAN CODE : IT54D0760103200000000809020  
SWIFT CODE: BPPIITRRXXX  
Eurogiro: PIBPITRA  
REFERENCE: NAME & LAST NAME "ISTANZA DI CITTADINANZA PER MATRIMONIO"

The application shall be submitted through the website <https://cittadinanza.dlci.interno.it>.  
All documents must be valid at the time of application.