



Consolato d' Italia Brisbane

HOW TO RE-ACQUIRE THE CITIZENSHIP (FOR AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS)

Act No. 91/92 Art. 13 Section 1 Letter C

1. Make sure that your Australian citizenship is already recorded in Italy.
2. Once in Italy, apply for “permesso di soggiorno – Re-acquisition of citizenship”.
3. With the postal receipt for the application go to the Municipal offices and request to be registered as a resident.
4. On the same day also ask to the above mentioned office to sign the declaration for re-acquiring the citizenship and follow the instructions that you will be given, or submit the declaration that you had already signed at the Consulate.
5. After few weeks the Mayor should issue the citizenship declaration.

The whole procedure should be finalized within 15-90 days.

Details of procedure

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The person who has relinquished the Italian citizenship by becoming a naturalized Australian prior to 16/08/1992, may re-acquire the Italian citizenship following to possible avenues, which differ only for the time needed for the re-acquisition.

With the first option one may be able to re-acquire within days or a few weeks, whilst with the second one will have to wait at least one year, depending on the processing time of the Italian Municipality.

1. **First option:** you must make a specific declaration at the Consulate and then you have to take up residence in Italy within 12 months from the date of the declaration.
2. **Second option:** You take up residence in a Municipality in Italy without making any declaration and then you have to wait 365 days.

In both cases the Italian Municipality of residence will be the authority that will finalize the re-acquisition procedure.

The following instructions are referred to the first option, as no procedure is needed for the second.

Before departure

- A **necessary** requirement for the re-acquisition is that the loss of the Italian citizenship has been recorded by the relevant Municipality in Italy. **It is therefore essential to check this with the Consulate (also by email).**
- **Declaration at the Consulate:** In order to proceed with re-acquiring the Italian citizenship the person has to sign a declaration of intents, that can be done either at the Consulate or at the Municipal Office, with the presence of two witnesses who are not part of the person's family, who can understand the Italian language and have appropriate form of identification.
- **Payment:** In order to apply for the re-acquisition a payment of Euro 250 is required. This fee must be paid before the aforesaid declaration at any banking institution, using the banking details indicated below. You will have to show the evidence of the payment made at the moment of the declaration.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

BANK NAME:	POSTE ITALIANE
BANK ADDRESS:	Viale Europa 175 – 00144 ROMA
PAYEE:	MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO D.L.C.I. – CITTADINANZA
REFERENCE:	Indicate name and surname of the applicant, followed by: <i>“Dichiarazione Art. 13 Legge 91/62 Riacquisto cittadinanza italiana”</i>
IBAN:	IT54D0760103200000000809020
BIC/SWIFT:	BPPIITRRXXX

Procedures to be followed once in Italy

1. Within 8 days from arrival one must apply for the **“Permesso di soggiorno per riacquisto cittadinanza”** which will allow the applicant to stay in Italy for 1 year (this permit is renewable). This application is processed through the Italian Post, therefore it will be necessary to visit the local Post Office in order to obtain the application kit and then to mail it together with the other required documents.
2. With the postal receipt of the mailing of the kit you must then visit the Municipal offices and apply for the enrolment into the **anagrafe della popolazione residente** (registry of the resident population), for the registration into the **Servizio Sanitario Nazionale** (National Health Scheme) and then lodge the declaration made at the Consulate or, alternatively, ask to **sign a declaration to reacquire Italian citizenship** pursuant to Art. 13, section C of the Act 91.1992.
3. It is possible that further documentation may be required in order to be included in the registry of resident population (i.e.: evidence of residing at the nominated address, invitation letter from relatives or something else).
Please note: requirements for inclusion in the registry of residents differ from one Municipality to another; it is therefore advisable to check with your own Municipality about the requirements for resident registration. Ask the municipal offices for any further information.

What happens next?

1. Subsequent to the application the Municipality will register the foreigner applicant in the Anagrafe della Popolazione Residente **before the mandatory verification**.
2. **Within 45 days from the application** the Municipality will proceed with checking the applicant's domicile through one of its employees.
3. Once the verification has been carried out, the Mayor will issue the declaration of citizenship.
4. From that moment the applicant has re-acquired the citizenship.
5. Then, if a decision is made to return to Australia on a permanent basis, it will be possible to register as an Italian citizen with AIRE (Registry of Italians residing abroad) with the Consulate. If you are residing in QLD or NT you will have to register with the Consulate of Italy in Brisbane.

Important: Before returning to Australia it is advisable to get from the Municipality a certificate of citizenship which specifies the date when the citizenship was re-acquired. This certificate should then be sent to the Consulate together with the AIRE registration application and the other required documents.

Useful link: <https://www.poste.it/altri-servizi/servizi-cittadino/guida-permesso-soggiorno.shtml>