

WOMEN'S CITIZENSHIP

Until April 26, 1983, women's citizenship followed that of their husband, as per the provisions of the Civil Code of 1865 (art. 9 and 10) and Law 555/1912 (art. 10 paragraph 1).

From 1865 to 26 April 1983, therefore, **foreign women** acquired Italian citizenship automatically upon marriage (retaining it even in the event of widowhood).

The **Italian women who naturalized before marriage**, and married an Italian citizen **prior to 27 April 1983, reacquired Italian citizenship** by virtue of the marriage.

The **Italian women who acquired foreign citizenship whilst married to an Italian citizen DID NOT LOSE ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP** as long as the spouse maintained Italian citizenship until 16.08.1992 (ruling of the Council of State dated 5.3.1997- K.24)

WOMEN'S LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP

Until 1912, women lost their citizenship following the naturalization of their husband (art. 11 Civil Code of 1865).

After 1912, women lost their citizenship following the naturalization of their husband if the marriage occurred prior to 01.01.1948. (Constitutional Court Ruling n.87 of 1975).