

INFORMATION FOR U.S. CITIZENS WISHING TO MARRY IN ITALY

A) General Information

United States citizens wishing to be married in Italy must appear with two witnesses and before the “Ufficiale dello Stato Civile” (Civil Registrar) of the city or town in Italy where he or she plans to be married and must formally state his/her intention to marry.

At this time the couple must present all the required documentation to the Civil Registrar in Italy, after which banns are usually posted at the local City Hall for two consecutive Sundays before the marriage may take place.

However, banns are waived by the “Ufficiale dello Stato Civile” if neither party of the marriage is an Italian citizen and if neither party is residing in Italy.

On the fourth day following the second Sunday (or any other successive date) after the banns have been waived, the couple may be married, either in a civil ceremony or a religious one.

A civil ceremony is performed by the “Ufficiale dello Stato Civile” or one of his assistants.

If a religious ceremony is performed by a Roman Catholic priest, a separate civil ceremony is not required, but the priest must register the marriage with the “*Ufficiale dello Stato Civile*” in order for it to be legal.

Because of the special Italian requirements applicable to marriages performed by non Roman Catholic clergymen, the latter usually insists on a civil ceremony prior to performing the religious one so as to ensure the legality of the marriage.

IN ITALY:

A DECLARATION BEFORE AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICE IN ITALY sworn to by the United States citizens in Italy, stating that in accordance with the laws to which the citizen is subject in the United States there is no obstacle to his/her marriage in Italy. This document must be legalized by the competent Italian Authorities in Italy (for more detailed information, the U.S. Diplomatic Representative in Italy should be consulted).

IN U.S.A.:

For U.S. citizens getting married in Italy is necessary to have the ATTO NOTORIO.

The **ATTO NOTORIO** can be issued only to applicants residing within this Consular jurisdiction and must be issued no more than **90 days before the date of the marriage**.

Therefore, you should schedule your appointment with the Italian Consulate within the 90-day period before your wedding date.

If an **Italian citizen** residing in this Consular jurisdiction wishes to marry a U.S. citizen in Italy, the Italian citizen must request the publication of the marriage banns (Pubblicazioni di matrimonio - Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami) , while the U.S. citizen must obtain an **ATTO NOTORIO** from this Consular Office.

The appointment for the “*Atto Notorio*” requires the presence of the **U.S. spouse, two witnesses (who are not related to the spouse), and an interpreter.**

The Consulate cannot issue the **ATTO NOTORIO** if the original certificates issued by foreign countries do not bear the required **Apostille** and have not been **translated and legalized in the country where they were issued.**

The “APOSTILLE” is an international legalization instituted by the Hague Convention of 1961. For further information: [The Apostille in Our Jurisdiction - Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami](#)

Appointments can be booked through the [Prenot@Mi portal](#)

Please note that, before your appointment, this Office **MUST HAVE RECEIVED** all the required documents via email at notarile.miami@esteri.it. Please send scanned copies of all documents in a clear and organized manner prior to your appointment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT AT THIS CONSULATE

To obtain the “ATTO NOTORIO PER MATRIMONIO” (SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO MARRY) you must provide the following documentation, either to the PRETURA CIVILE in the city where the marriage will take place, or before the Italian Consulate in the United States:

1. **PHOTOCOPY OF A VALID U.S. PASSPORT AND DRIVER’S LICENSE**, showing the current U.S. address, for the U.S. spouse, both witnesses, and the interpreter.
2. **CERTIFIED COPY OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE - LONG FORM** which includes the names of both parents. It must bear an Apostille issued by the Secretary of State of the state where the certificate was issued and must be translated into Italian. (Please do not remove the staple attaching the Apostille to the original document. The Apostille itself does not require translation.)
3. **CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DIVORCE DECREE** BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE WITH APOSTILLE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHERE THE CERTIFICATE IS ORIGINATED, TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN (APOSTILLE DO NOT REQUIRE TRANSLATION), in evidence of termination of any previous marriage;

4. (If applicable) CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF THE DECEASED SPOUSE, bearing an Apostille issued by the Secretary of State of the state where the certificate was issued, together with a translation into Italian.
5. Application form filled with NAME AND PERSONAL DETAILS OF TWO WITNESSES AND THE INTERPRETER (full name, date and place of birth, citizenship, current address, and details of a valid driver's license), together with a **copy of their passport and driver's license**. The witnesses and interpreter must appear before the Consul General and declare, under oath, that they know the applicants, that the applicants are free to marry, and that, under Italian law, there are no impediments to the marriage.
6. Money order for Consular Fees:

A money order payable to the **Consulate General of Italy**, covering the applicable consular fees for:

- the certification of each translated page (front and back), pursuant to **Article 72A**; and
- the issuance of the **ATTO NOTORIO**, pursuant to **Article 26**.

PLEASE NOTE: Consular services may be paid exclusively by money order made payable to the Consulate General of Italy in Miami. Money orders must be completed in full, including the correct payee, "Consulate General of Italy in Miami," the name of the person requesting the consular service, and the signature, where required. This Consulate **does not accept money orders and/or cashier's checks issued by Bank of America**.

CITIZENS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 must present the Decree issued by the competent Minor Court, authorizing the minor to marry.

Note: The translations into Italian of all certificates issued in the United States will subsequently be certified by this Consular Office.

If the birth certificate or any other certificate was **issued in a different country**, please note that the Italian translation must be **certified by the relevant Italian Embassy or Consulate**. Applicants are advised to consult the relevant instructions published on the website of the Italian Embassy or Consulate in the country where the certificate was issued.

Women who have been divorced or widowed within the last 300 days must apply for a specific authorization to marry, issued by the competent Italian Court.

CIVIL MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES AND RELIGIOUS IN ITALY

-If Italian and/or US citizens want to marry first civilly in the United States, they must go to the District Court. The relevant information is directly available on the official US WEB site:

http://www.miami-dadeclerk.com/families_marriage.asp

Following the celebration of the marriage before the foreign authorities, if at least one of the spouses is an Italian citizen, the marriage certificate must be registered in Italy. For this purpose, the interested party may submit it directly to the competent Italian Municipality (Comune) or through this Consulate General (see the [Marriage Publications - Consolato Generale d'Italia Miami](#) section).

-Next, only for the celebration of the religious marriage in Italy, you will require the canonical Rite to the competent Italian religious Authority, once the Italian citizen has transcribed the civil marriage certificate to the City Hall.

With this procedure is not necessary the “Atto Notorio” issued from the Italian Consulate in the US, neither the AFFIDAVIT or SWORN STATEMENT issued by US Agencies in Italy.