ITALIAN PASSPORT
General Information

PLEASE NOTE – The following information is intended for
Persons whose Italian citizenship status has already been determined

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PASSPORT

The Consulate General of Italy in Sydney is competent for the issue of passports to Italian nationals residing in New South Wales and, only in case of evident urgency or necessity, to Italian nationals residing in Italy or in another Country but temporarily living in NSW. In this case the issuing procedure will be longer.

No appointment is required to apply for an Italian passport.

PROCEDURE

- Unless technical problems incur, passports will be issued on the same day of the application. If your citizenship was recently recognized by this Consulate, if you have always been living in NSW and you are applying for your first passport, or if your previous passport was issued/renewed by this Consulate, you may fit in this category;
- In all other cases, passports will be issued only upon authorization by the relevant Authority (Police Headquarter in Italy and/or other Italian Consulate). The acquisition of such authorization may require a variable waiting period of up to 15 days. If you hold a previous passport issued in Italy or by another Consulate, or if you have lived in Italy or abroad, you may fit in this category.

Important information about the procedure

- Validity of the passport – Adults: 10 years; Minors between 3 and 18: 5 years; Minors under 3 years: 3 years.
- A passport cannot be renewed – at time of expiry you must apply for the issue of a new passport;
- Passport for minor children: all minors are required to have individual passports.
  - In order to issue a passport to a minor child, the application must be signed by both parents, in person, at this Consulate General. Photo ID is required for both parents together with the child’s Australian/Foreign passport if the minor is a dual citizen. If one of the parents cannot be present, they will have to sign the consent form before a Police Officer at any Police Station in NSW. U.E. citizens do not need to sign in front of the Police. They only need to sign the consent form and attach a copy of their valid European passport. Please note: the consent form has a validity of 6 months only;
  - If the child was born in Australia and the birth was not registered in Italy, the parents must provide the child’s full birth certificate, issued by the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, legalized by means of an Apostille and translated into Italian by an accredited NAATI translator (see information on Civil Status – HOW-TO Registration of Certificates). Please refer to the information on the competent Italian Consulate website for registration of children who were born overseas. Please note, passports will not be issued on the same day of lodging the birth certificates.

LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED PASSPORTS

- The loss/theft of a passport must be reported immediately to the local Police (in the Country where the loss/theft took place). It is then necessary to come in person to the Consulate and provide details of the police report (report number and date). The procedure to follow will then be the same as outlined above;
- In the event that a valid passport has been damaged, it must be presented to this Consulate, and you will have to apply for a new passport, as per procedure above.
REQUESTING A NEW PASSPORT: STEP BY STEP GUIDE

STEP 1: PRE-REQUISITES – Please make sure to have these pre-requisites before starting the process

1. You already have an Italian passport (please note: you may apply for a new passport ONLY within the last 6 months of validity of the current passport), or a citizenship certificate and/or your citizenship status has already been determined in Italy or by any Italian Consulate and you are residing in New South Wales;
2. You are temporarily living in New South Wales and you reside in Italy or any other Country and your passport has expired or is about to expire in the next 6 months;
3. You are the holder of an Italian passport which has been stolen, lost or damaged.

STEP 2: FORMS REQUIRED

- Adults: Passport application form. This form must be completed by every person requiring a passport. Italian law requires that applicants who have children under the age of 18 need the written consent of the other parent of the child(*).
- Minors (under 18): Passport applications form. This form is for minors and it also requires the consent of both parents before the issue of the passport(*).

(*) The consent form can be signed in person at this Consulate General or before a Police Officer at any Police Station in New South Wales. The Police Officer must affix the stamp of the Police Station alongside their signature on the consent form and certify as a true copy an enclosed photocopy of any I.D. of the person signing the consent form (driver’s license or passport). U.E. citizens do not need to sign in front of the Police. They only need to sign the consent form and attach a copy of their valid European passport.

PLEASE NOTE: the consent form has a validity of 6 months only.
You can download the application form and consent form from our FORMS webpage.

STEP 3: WHAT TO BRING AT THE CONSULATE

- Previous passport or photo ID (Driver’s license or other passport with photocopy);
- Two colour passport size photographs (3.5cm x 4.5cm), taken with a plain white background, no glasses nor anything covering the face/head;
- If the applicant is not an Australian citizen, original and copy of the Australian visa if issued after 16/08/1992 or Certificate of Evidence of Resident Status (CERS) or Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) from the Department of Immigration. Otherwise the applicant must show their Australian passport, together with the Certificate of Naturalization unless born in Australia.

STEP 4: AT THE CONSULATE

1. At the reception/information desk ask for a ticket to apply for a new passport;
2. All children up to the age of 12 who do not hold an Australian Passport need to be present in person for identification, accompanied by both parents and with any photo ID. All children over 12 MUST attend in person in any case;
3. Unless technical problems occur, passports will be issued on the same day of application;
4. For information on the cost of the passport please check our consular fees webpage. Payments must be cash only, Australian Dollars, at the Consulate.

For any enquiry on Italian passports please write to info.sydney@esteri.it