Checklist: citizenship by descent

This list gathers the documents the family sets aside to prove the line of descent from the ancestor down to the applicant.

CERTIFICATES OF THE LINE

- ☐ Gather the full-form birth certificate of each person in the line, from the ancestor down to you.
- ☐ Collect the full-form marriage certificate of each couple in the line.
- ☐ Add the full-form death certificate of each deceased person in the line.
- ☐ Check the names and dates on every certificate and note each discrepancy, to correct it before the application.

PROOF OF THE ANCESTOR'S CITIZENSHIP

- ☐ Collect the birth record of the ancestor in the country of origin.
- ☐ Add the documents that show the parent or grandparent who gives the right held exclusively Italian citizenship, where the case is Italy.
- ☐ Set aside the proof of the citizen's two continuous years in Italy before the child's birth, where the family uses that exception.
- ☐ Collect the proof of loss or exclusion through persecution between 1933 and 1945, where the case is Germany.
- ☐ Keep the original of the proof of the request made by 22 October 2025, where the case is Spain.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS OF THE APPLICANT

- ☐ Obtain the passport and the identity document of each person who applies for citizenship.
- ☐ Set aside the proof of effective ties and the result of the language and culture test, where the case is Portuguese citizenship for a grandchild.

LEGALISATION

- ☐ Obtain the apostille for each certificate from the registry office that issued it.
- ☐ Hire the sworn translation of each certificate into the language of the country.
- ☐ Keep the proof of any application already filed, with its date.

> The Discovery will confirm this list for the family's case, and the licensed professional in each country may ask for more documents.