

If **neither of the two conditions** introduced by Decree-Law no. 36 of 28 March 2025, converted by Law no. 74 of 23 May 2025 (**CASE 1 and 2**) is **met**, the provisions of **article 4, paragraph 1-bis**, of Law No. 91/1992 **may apply**. This allows a child of an Italian citizen by birth to acquire Italian citizenship if both parents (or by the legal guardian, where applicable) make a declaration requesting Italian Citizenship for the child.

CASE 3 to qualify for this provision, **both** of the following conditions must be met:

- **one of the parents must be an Italian citizen by birth** (*iure sanguinis*). This does not apply if the parent became an Italian citizen through naturalization or under any other provision of law.
- **both parents** (including the foreign parent) or the legal guardian must make the declaration **within three years of the child's birth** (or, if later, within three years from the date on which the Italian parent is legally recognised as the child's parent or from the date of adoption during the child's minority).

Please note:

- A child who acquires Italian Citizenship under Article 4, par. 1-bis, is **not an Italian citizen by birth or by descent** (*iure sanguinis*).
- Italian citizenship is acquired **from the day after** all the legal requirements have been met. It is **not** acquired from the day of birth.
- Both parents must make the declaration **in person** before the Head of the Consular Chancery.
- If the parents do not sign the declaration on the same day, Italian citizenship can only be acquired once the second parent has also made the declaration.

Before an appointment can be booked to sign the declaration, all the documents needed to update the applicant's file must first be submitted.

These may include:

- proof that the Italian parent is an Italian citizen by birth, issued by the relevant Municipality in Italy, or a statutory declaration to that effect;
- documents showing when and how the parents and grandparents acquired a foreign nationality (if this information has not already been registered with the Embassy or relevant Municipality in Italy);
- proof of residence in Zambia or Malawi;
- identity documents for the parents and the child.