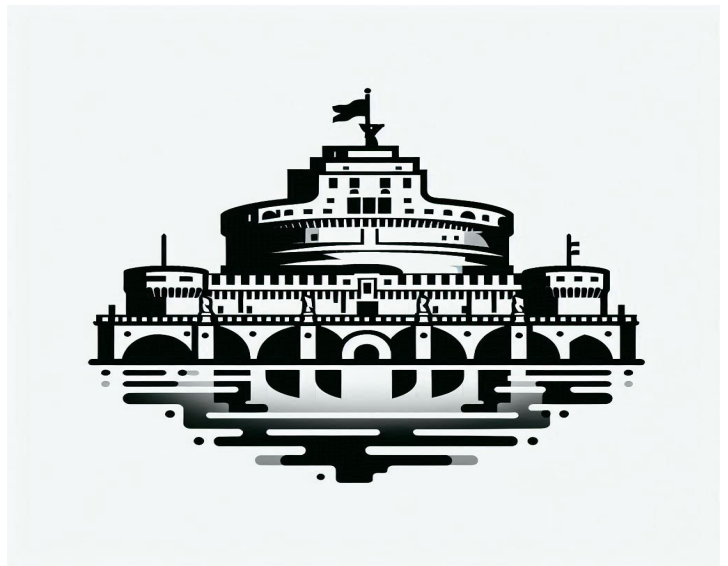


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Criminal record checks are often required for various legal and administrative purposes, including employment, immigration, visa applications, and residency permits. British nationals living in Italy, as well as Italians with ties to the UK, may need to obtain criminal record certificates from either or both countries. As English solicitors based in Rome, we assist clients in obtaining these documents efficiently while ensuring compliance with relevant legal requirements.

## UK Criminal Record Checks

The UK provides different types of criminal record checks depending on the purpose and the level of disclosure required:

### (a) Basic Disclosure (DBS Check)

- Issued by the **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**.
- Shows unspent convictions under the **Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974**.
- Commonly required for employment and visa applications.

### (b) Standard and Enhanced DBS Checks

- Available only to employers for specific roles (e.g., working with children or vulnerable adults).
- Shows both spent and unspent convictions, as well as police cautions.
- Requires an employer or registered body to apply on behalf of the individual.

### (c) Police Certificates for Immigration Purposes

- Issued by **ACRO Criminal Records Office**.
- Required for visa and residency applications in certain countries
- Includes details of all convictions, cautions, warnings, and reprimands.

## How We Assist with UK Criminal Record Checks

- We guide clients through the process of obtaining their UK criminal record certificates by:
- Advising on the appropriate type of check required.
- Assisting with online applications and verifying identity documents.
- Certifying and legalising documents for submission to Italian authorities or foreign embassies.

## Italian Criminal Record Checks

In Italy, two main types of criminal record certificates are issued:

- (a) **Certificato del Casellario Giudiziale** (Judicial Record Certificate)
  - Issued by the **Procura della Repubblica (Public Prosecutor's Office)**.
  - Contains details of past criminal convictions.
  - Required for employment, residency, and visa applications.
- (b) **Certificato dei Carichi Pendenti** (Pending Charges Certificate)
  - Shows any ongoing criminal proceedings against the individual.
  - Required in certain legal and employment contexts.

## How We Assist with Italian Criminal Record Checks

We provide comprehensive support for obtaining Italian criminal records, including:

- **Application assistance** – Preparing and submitting requests to the appropriate Italian authorities.
- **Certified translations** – Providing sworn translations of Italian certificates for use in the UK and other jurisdictions.
- **Legalisation and Apostille services** – Ensuring documents meet international authentication standards.

## Legalisation and Apostille Requirements

Many institutions require criminal record certificates to be authenticated through legalisation or an apostille:

UK-issued certificates may require an **apostille from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)**.

Italian certificates may need an **apostille from the Procura della Repubblica** before being recognised abroad.

We ensure that all necessary legalisation steps are completed to avoid delays in official applications.

## Common Issues and How We Resolve Them

Clients often face challenges when applying for criminal record certificates, including:

- **Processing delays** – We liaise with authorities to expedite applications when possible.
- **Incorrect or outdated information** – We assist in correcting errors and updating records
- **Document rejection by foreign authorities** – We ensure all documentation meets the legal requirements of the recipient country.

## Conclusion

Criminal record checks are an essential requirement for many legal and administrative processes. Whether you need a UK DBS check, an ACRO police certificate, or an Italian criminal record certificate, we provide expert assistance in navigating the process. Our services include application support, document certification, sworn translations, and legalisation to ensure that your documents are accepted by the relevant authorities. Contact us for tailored guidance on your specific requirements.