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As **English solicitors based in Rome**, we may be able to assist with oaths, affirmations, and affidavits where they will be accepted by the recipient. British nationals often require these services for various legal matters, including marriage-related declarations, statutory declarations, and confirmations of identity or marital status.

A solicitor is a commissioner for oaths, meaning we are legally authorised to administer

oaths and affirmations under the **Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889**. This allows us to authenticate sworn statements or affidavits. However, the ability to offer these services abroad depends on local laws and regulations.

In **Italy**, the recognition of oaths, affirmations, and affidavits made before a solicitor is not automatic. Italian law generally requires notarised documents for official and legal purposes, and in many cases, a **notaio** (**notary public**) must administer oaths or affirmations for them to be valid under Italian jurisdiction. That said, some recipients, such as private organisations or foreign authorities, may accept affidavits sworn before an English solicitor.

If an affidavit or sworn statement is required for use in the UK, we can provide this service in accordance with UK law. If it is intended for use in Italy, we will confirm whether the recipient will accept it. If Italian law requires the involvement of a notary, we will assist in identifying a suitable professional who can handle the matter appropriately.

While we will make every effort to assist clients requiring oaths, affirmations, or affidavits, **certain limitations may apply depending on local legal requirements**. If we are unable to provide a service, we will endeavour to find an alternative solution, such as referring clients to the appropriate legal professional or authority.

For specific enquiries about whether we can assist with your oath, affirmation, or affidavit, please get in touch to discuss your individual circumstances.