Section D
GLOSSARY OF PROFESSIONS

In many records the word ***professione*** will precede the profession of a person being named, but there are times when a profession or rank will be inserted in such a way that it may appear to be part of a name. The following list includes most of the professions you will encounter in Italian records.

abadessa	abbess
abate	abbot
abbachista	accountant
abbiente	proprietor, owner
abbracciatutto	jack-of-all trades
accalappiacani	dog catcher
accattone	beggar
accedemico	academician
accendifoco	lamp lighter
accordatore	piano tuner
accusatore	prosecutor
acquirente	buyer
addomesticatore	tamer, trainer
addottrinato	well informed, learned
adulto	adult
affarista	speculator, profiteer
agrimensore	surveyer
albergatore	innkeeper
apicoltore	bee keeper
autore (artore)	author
bachicoltore	silkworm breeder
bacologo	silkworm
badessa	abbess
bagagliere	baggage clerk
bagascia	whore, harlot
bagnino (a)	bathing attendant
baldracca	whore, harlot
baleniere	whaler
balestraio	maker or seller of crossbows
balestriere	cross bowman
bali	Knight Commander
balia	wet nurse
balio	wet nurse husband
ballatore	dancer
ballerina	professional dancer
banchiere	banker
bandieraio	flag seller or maker
bandito	bandit
banditore	town crier, auctioneer
barbaresco	stableman
barbiere	barber
barcaiolo	boatman, waterman
barcaiuolo	boatman, waterman
barelliere	stretcher bearer
barilaio	cooper
barista	barman, barmaid
barnabita	Barnabite monk
bastaio	maker or seller of pack saddles
battilana	wool carder
beccaio	butcher
beccamorti	grave digger
becchino	grave digger
benedettino	benedictine monk
beone	drunkard
berretaio	cap maker or seller
besagliere	elite soldier
bestiaio	herdsman
bettoliere	tavern keeper
bevitore	drunkard

bevitrice	drunkard
bevone	drunkard
biadaiolo	fodder merchant
bibliotecaro	librarian
bidello	janitor
bifolco	ploughman
bigattiere	silkworm breeder
bigliettaio	booking clerk
bilanciaio	maker or seller of scales
biografo	biographer
biologo	biologist
birraio	brewer
birro	police agent
biscaiuolo	gambler
biscazziere	gambling house keeper
bisognatario	referee
bisognoso	pauper
boia	executioner
borgomastro	burgomaster
borsanerista	black market merchant
boscaiolo	woodsman
boscaiuolo	forester
bottaio(ro)	cooper
bottegaio	shopkeeper
bottegante	shopkeeper
bottinaio	sewer man
bovaro	ox driver
bozzolaio	vendor of silk worm cocoons
bracciale	work hand
bracciante	workman, laborer
bracino	charcoal seller
branchieraio	truss maker
brigadiere	brigadier
brigadinaio	maker or seller of brigadini
brigante	brigand
brunitore	burnisher
bucataia	washwoman
bucataio	laundryman
bullettaio	nail maker
bullettinaio	ticket seller
burattinaio	puppet showman
burraio	dairyman
cabalista	diviner
cacastecchi	miser
cacciadiavoli	exorcist
cacciatore	hunter
cacciatrice	huntress
caciaio	cheese maker
cadetto	cadet
cafaggiaio	head forester
caffettiere	coffee house keeper
cafone	rustic, peasant
calafato	caulker (ships)
calafatore	caulker (ships)
calciatore	football player
calderaio	coppersmith
calialio	deals in gold
calzolaio	shoemaker
camarlinga	Nun acting as bursar of her convent
camarlingo	steward, bursar
cambista	money changer
cambusiere	steward (nautical)
cameriera	waitress
cameriere	waiter
camerlengo	treasurer of Holy See
camerotto	steward (nautical)
camiciaio	shirt maker
cammelliere	camel driver
camminante	wayfarer
campagnaolo	framer, peasant
campanaio	hemp dresser
campeggiatore	camper
canapino	hemp dresser
cancelliere	chancellor
candelaio	candle maker
canestraio	basket maker

canettiere	dog breeder
cannoniere	gunner
canottiere	oarsman, rower
canovaio	store keeper
canoviere	wine seller, innkeeper
cantatore	singer
canterino	ballad singer
cantiniere	butler, vintner
cantoniere	roadman, signalman
capellano	chaplain
capistipiti	founder
capitano	captain
capitano di lungo corso	ocean liner
capitano di vasello	naval captain
capitano di corvetta	lieutenant commander
capitano di fregata	naval commander
capitano di porto	harbour master
capitano di ventura	mercenary captain
capitano d'industria	captain of industry
capo maestro	master bricklayer
capo fabbrica	foreman in a factory
capo	chief, leader
capo d'officina	foreman
capo d'ufficio	department head
capobanda	bandmaster
capocuoco	chief
capoguardia	police chief
capoposto	head of guardpost
caporale	corporal
caposcalo	station master
caposcuola	founder of a school
caposezione	head of a government section
caposquadra	squadron leader
capostazione	rail station master
capostipite	family head
capotamburo	drum major
capotreno	rail guard
cappucina	capucin nun
cappucino	capucin friar
carabiniere	Italian gendarme
caramellaio	carmel vendor
caratista	part owner
carbonaio	coalman, charcoal dealer
carcerato	prisoner
carceriere	jailer
carciofaio	artichoke grower
cardatore	wool carder
cardinale	cardinal
caricatore	loader, coal heaver
cariolante	wheel barrow pusher
carmelita	carmelite friar
carnefice	hangman
carotaio	carrot seller
carovaniere	caravan guide
carpentiere	carpenter
carradore	cartwright
carraio	wheelwright
carrettiere	wagoner
carrozzaio	carriage builder
cartaio	paper maker
cartografo	cartographer
cartolaio	stationer
casaro	cheesemaker
cascinaio	farmer, dairyman
casellante	rail linesman
casiere	care taker
cassiere (a)	cashier, treasurer
castalda	bursar in a nunery
castaldo	steward, baliff
castellana	lady of the manor
castellano	lord of the manor
cattedrante	professor
causidico	legal advisor, lawyer

cavailolo quarryman
cavaliere knight, horseman
cavallaio horse dealer
cavallaro horse keeper
cavallata horseman, cavalry
cavalleggiero trooper
cavallerizzo rider, riding master
cavapietre stone quarrier
cavatore miner, digger
cavolaio market garner, cabbage grower

cenciaiuolo rag picker
cenobiarca abbot
cenobita monastic
censore censor
cerinaio match seller
certosino carthusian monk
cerusico surgeon
cesellatore sculptor, engraver
cestaio basket maker
chellerina barmaid, waitress
chiattaiuolo lighterman
chiercuto monk, priest, tonsured

chiericale clerical
chierichetto choir boy
chierico cleric
chimco chemist
chincagliere nick nack seller
chiocciolaio snail vendor
chiodaiolo nail maker or vendor

chirurgo surgeon
chitarrista guitarist
ciabbtin cobbler
ciambellaio pastrey cook
ciambellano chamberlain
cicerone town guide
cieca blind woman
cieco blind man
cinedo male prostitute
cioccolataio maker or chocolate
ciompo wool carder

cipollaio onion seller
ciucaio donkey driver
ciurmadore swindler
civilista jurist
clarinellista clarinet player
clarissa nun of the order of St. Clair

classicista classical scholar
claustrale monastic
clericale cleric, priest
clero clergy
clinico clinical surgeon
coarmatore co-owner of a ship
cocchiere coachman, groom
cocomeraio melon seller
coiaio tanner
collaudatore inspecting engineer, tester

collegiale boarding school boy or girl

collettore collector
colligiano hill dweller
colonizzatore colonizer, pioneer
colono colonist, soldier
coltellinaio cuttler
coltivatore husbandman, farmer
combattente actor, comedian
comico founder, originator
cominciatore

commandante commander
commerciante trader, dealer, merchant

commesso clerk, shop assistant

commissariaio commissioner, purser

compatrone partner
compositore composer
computista book keeper, accountant

concaitore tanner
concaio tanner

concertatore	conductor
concertista	professional performer
concessionario	concessionaire
conciaio	tanner
concialana	mattress maker
condirettore	co-editor
condottiero	soldier of fortune
conducente	conductor
conduttore	conductor, driver, guard, manager
conferenziere	lecturer
confessore	confessor
confettiere	confectioner
confetturiere	maker of seller of sweets
consacrante	officiating priest
conservatore	guardian, curator
consultore	consultor, advisor
contabile	accountant
contadina	farmer's wife
contadinella	farmer's daughter
contadinello	farmer's son
contadino	farmer, peasant
conte	count, earl
contessa	countess
contessina	count's daughter
contrabbandiere	smuggler
contraffattore	forger
copiatore	copier, forger
copista	copyist, typist
coppiere	cup bearer, wine waiter
corbellaio	maker or seller of baskets
cordaio	rope maker
cordigliero	fanciscan friar
corista	chorister
corniciaio	picture frame maker
coronaio	maker of seller of rosaries
corpoale	corporal
corriere	courier, messenger
corsaro	pirate
cotoniere	cotton mill owner
cottimista	piece worker
cozzone	horse breaker, dealer
cravattaio	seller of ties
credenziere	butler
cristallaio	glass blower
cronista	chronicler, reporter
cronologista	chronologist
cronometrista	time keeper
cucitrice	seamstress
cultore	cultivator erudite person
cuoca	female cook
cuoco	cook
cuoiaio	leather seller
curato	parish priest
curatore	guardian
curiale	lawyer
cursore	messenger
custode	keeper, guard
dama	lady, noblewoman
damigella	young woman, maid of honor
damigello	squire, young nobleman
danzatore	dancer
datario	bursar of the Vatican
dattilografo (a)	typist
daziere	customs officer
decana	Mother Superior
decanato	Dean
decano	senior, doyen
decoratore	house decorator
delatore	spy, informer
delittuoso	criminal
dentista	dentist
dettagliante	retailer or dealer
deviatore	pointsman, shunter