

English Exemptions

**Years of residence and age are exact. You cannot obtain an exemption 90 days before a green card anniversary or birthday.

**Ensure an exempt client understands that s/he will still be required to pass the U.S. history and civics test in his/her language of choice using an interpreter. If the client cannot learn civics, s/he will need an N-648.

Green card for <u>less than 15 years</u>:

 Not exempt; the interview will be conducted in English and the applicant will be required to take the English language test.

Exceptions to English and Civics Requirements for Naturalization		
Exceptions INA 312(b)	Educational Requirements	
	English Read, write, speak and understand	Civics Knowledge of U.S. history and government
Age 50 or older and resided in U.S. as an LPR for at least 20 years at time of filing	Exempt	Still required. Applicants may take civics test in their language of choice using an interpreter.
Age 55 or older and resided in U.S. as an LPR for at least 15 years at time of filing	Exempt	
Age 65 or older and resided in U.S. as an LPR for at least 20 years at time of filing	Exempt	Still required but officers administer specially designated test forms. Applicants may take the civics test in their language of choice using an interpreter.
Medical Disability Exception (Form N-648)	May be exempt from English, civics, or both	

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