



Instructions for Application for Naturalization

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The Purpose of Form N-400

This form is an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

A Guide to Naturalization

To help you understand the naturalization process, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) developed A Guide to Naturalization (M-476). This publication provides information on eligibility requirements and naturalization procedures. If you do not already have a copy of M-476, you can obtain a copy from the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov.

You may visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/N-400 for additional resources to assist you during the naturalization process.

General Eligibility Requirements

You may apply for naturalization when you meet all the requirements to become a U.S. citizen. General eligibility requirements are the following:

1. You are at least 18 years of age at the time of filing (except active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces);
2. You have been a permanent resident of the United States for a specified period of time;
3. You have lived within the state or USCIS district where you claim residence for at least 3 months prior to filing;
4. You demonstrate physical presence within the United States for a specified period of time;
5. You demonstrate continuous residence for a specified period of time;
6. You demonstrate good moral character;
7. You demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution;
8. You demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (also known as “civics”) as well as an ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English; and
9. You take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States. Some applicants may be eligible for a modified oath.

Naturalization Testing

One of the requirements for naturalization is to take the naturalization test to demonstrate that you are able to read, write, and speak basic English and that you have a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (civics).

Exemptions From the English Language Test

You are not required to take the English language test if:

1. At the time of filing your Form N-400, you are 50 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least 20 years. You do not have to take the English language test, but you do have to take the civics test in the language of your choice.
2. At the time of filing your Form N-400, you are 55 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least 15 years. You do not have to take the English language test, but you do have to take the civics test in the language of your choice.

3. At the time of filing your Form N-400, you are 65 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least 20 years. You do not have to take the English language test, but you do have to take a simplified version of the civics test in the language of your choice.

NOTE: If you qualify for an exemption from the English language test based on your age and how long you have lived in the United States as a permanent resident, answer "Yes" in **Part 2., Item Number 12.** of Form N-400.

Medical Exception to the English Language and/or Civics Test

You may be eligible for an exception to the English language and/or civics tests due to a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that has lasted, or is expected to last, 12 months or more. Refer to Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, for more information.

NOTE: If you are requesting a medical exception to the English language and civics tests, answer "Yes" in **Part 2., Item Number 11.** of Form N-400. Submit a completed Form N-648 when you file your Form N-400.

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Refer to Naturalization Information for Military Personnel (M-599) for eligibility requirements. You can obtain this information on the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/military. Call the Military Help Line at **1-877-247-4645** if you are transferred to a new duty station (including a deployment overseas or to a vessel) after you file your Form N-400.

Who Should Not File Form N-400

You should not file this form if:

1. You have not met the eligibility requirements for naturalization based on your filing category.
2. You have acquired or derived U.S. citizenship through one or both of your parents.

General Instructions

How To Fill Out the Form N-400

1. **Ensure that you are using the correct version of the Form N-400.** The correct version is available on the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/N-400. USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which can be downloaded for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
2. **Type or print clearly using black ink.** Keep all information within the area provided. If extra space is needed to answer any question, attach an additional sheet(s) of paper. You must provide the following information on the top of each additional sheet of paper:
 - A. Your Alien Registration Number (A-Number), *(if applicable)*;
 - B. The Date;
 - C. Application Part and Item; and
 - D. Your Signature.
3. **Answer all questions.** Type or print "N/A" if an item is not applicable or if the answer is "none," unless otherwise indicated.
4. **Avoid highlighting, crossing out, or writing outside the area provided for a response.** If you must make substantial corrections to your Form N-400, USCIS recommends that you start a new Form N-400 rather than using correction tape or fluid to white out information. USCIS scanners may see through the white correction tape or fluid. This may lead to incorrect information being captured in USCIS systems, which may cause processing delays or a rejection (non-acceptance) of your Form N-400.

5. **Provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page** (if applicable). Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or "Green Card"). The A-Number on your card consists of seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a *total of nine numbers* on Form N-400. For example, write number A1234567 as A001234567 or write number A12345678 as A012345678. If you are completing this form on a computer, the A-Number will automatically populate on all pages after first entered.
6. **Your application must be properly completed and signed.** A photocopy of the application is acceptable as long as it bears a handwritten signature. A stamp, typewritten name, or similar production in place of a signature is not acceptable.
7. **Your application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee.**

2D Barcode Technology. If you are completing this form on a computer, the data you enter will be captured using 2D barcode technology. This capture will ensure that the data you provide is accurately entered into USCIS systems. As you complete each data field, the 2D barcode line at the bottom of each page will shift as data is captured. Upon receipt of your form, USCIS will use decoding equipment to extract the data from the form. **Please do not damage the 2D barcode** (e.g., puncture, staple, write on,) as this could affect the ability of USCIS to timely process your form.

Early Filing. An applicant filing under the general naturalization provision (section 316(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)) may file his or her application up to 90 days before he or she would first meet the required 5-year period of continuous residence as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR). An applicant filing as the spouse of a U.S. citizen under section 319(a) of the INA may file up to 90 days before meeting the required 3-year period of continuous residence as an LPR. Although an applicant may file early according to the 90-day early filing provision, the applicant is not eligible for naturalization until he or she has reached the required 3- or 5-year period of continuous residence as an LPR. Applicants filing up to 90 days before meeting the continuous residence requirement must still meet all other requirements for naturalization at the time of filing the Form N-400. For example, an applicant filing under section 319(a) of the INA must meet all other requirements as the spouse of a U.S. citizen at the time of filing.

Evidence. You must submit all required initial evidence along with all of the supporting documentation with your application at the time of filing.

Biometrics Services Appointment. After receiving your application and accepting it for processing, USCIS will inform you in writing when to go to your local USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) for your biometrics services appointment. Failure to attend the biometrics services appointment may result in the denial of your application.

Copies. Unless it is specifically required that an original document be filed with your application, a legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required may remain a part of the record and will not be automatically returned to you.

Translations. Any document submitted to USCIS with information in a foreign language must be accompanied by a full English language translation. The translator must certify that the English language translation is complete and accurate and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

Specific Instructions

This form is divided into 17 parts.

Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility

Check the box that applies to you. Check only one box. If you check more than one box, your Form N-400 may be delayed.

Part 2. Information About You (Person applying for naturalization)

1. **Current Legal Name.** Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname.

2. Your Name Exactly As It Appears on Your Permanent Resident Card (*if applicable*). Write your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card even if it is misspelled. Write "N/A" if you do not have a Permanent Resident Card.

3. Other Names You Have Used Since Birth (*include nicknames, aliases, and maiden name if applicable*). If you have used any other names or aliases, provide them in this section. If you need more space, use an additional sheet(s) of paper.

If you have never used a different name, write "N/A" in the space for "Family Name (*Last Name*)."

4. Name Change (*optional*). A court can allow you to change your name when you are naturalized. A name change requested on this form does not become final until you are naturalized. If you want the court to change your name at a naturalization oath ceremony, check "Yes" and complete this section. You do not need to request a name change if you legally changed your name because of a marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse.

NOTE: USCIS cannot process name change requests for members of the military or their spouses who are naturalizing overseas.

5. U.S. Social Security Number. Provide your U.S. Social Security Number. Write "N/A" if you do not have one.

6. Date of Birth. Always use eight numbers to show your date of birth. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write May 1, 1958 as 05/01/1958. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you do not provide your date of birth.

7. Date You Became a Permanent Resident. Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card. Provide the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write August 9, 1988 as 08/09/1988. USCIS may reject your application if you do not provide the date you became a Permanent Resident.

NOTE: You need both your USCIS A-Number and your permanent resident date to file Form N-400. If you do not have this information, you should schedule an InfoPass appointment to obtain this information before you file your Form N-400.

8. Country of Birth. Write the name of the country where you were born. Write the name of the country at the time of your birth, even if the name has changed.

9. Country of Citizenship or Nationality. Write the name of the country where you are currently a citizen or national.

A. If you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national.

B. If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, write the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport.

10. Request for Disability and/or Impairment Accommodation(s). USCIS is committed to providing qualified individuals with disabilities and impairments reasonable accommodations that will help them fully participate in USCIS programs and benefits.

Reasonable accommodations vary with each disability or impairment. They may involve modifications to practices or procedures. There are various types of reasonable accommodations that may be offered. Examples include:

A. If you are unable to use your hands, you may be permitted to take the test orally rather than in writing;

B. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may be provided with a sign language interpreter at an interview or other application-related appointment; or

C. For those unable to travel to a designated USCIS location for an interview, a USCIS Officer may travel to your home or to a hospital.

If you believe that you need USCIS to accommodate your disability and/or impairment, check the "Yes" box and then check any applicable box that describes the nature of your disability(ies) and/or impairment(s). Also, write the type(s) of accommodation(s) you are requesting on the line(s) provided. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and are requesting a sign language interpreter, indicate which language in **Part 2., Item Number 10.** If you require more space to provide additional information, please provide the information on an additional sheet(s) of paper.

NOTE: All domestic USCIS facilities meet the Accessibility Guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, so you do not need to contact USCIS to request an accommodation for physical access to a domestic USCIS office. However, on **Part 2., Item Number 10.** of the form, you can indicate whether you use a wheelchair. This will allow USCIS to better prepare for your visit and have a wheelchair-accessible interview room available for you once you enter the facility.

USCIS considers requests for reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis and will use its best efforts to reasonably accommodate all applicants with disabilities or impairments. Qualified individuals will not be excluded from participating in, or be denied the benefits of, USCIS' programs solely on the basis of their disability(ies) or impairment(s). Requesting and/or receiving an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for a USCIS benefit.

11. Request for Medical Exception to English Language and Civics Tests. Check "Yes" if you are requesting an exception to the English language and/or civics tests based on a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that prevents you from complying with the English language and/or civics requirements for naturalization. Submit Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, as an attachment to your Form N-400.

NOTE: Submitting a Form N-648 does not guarantee you will be exempted from the testing requirements.

12. Exemptions from the English Language Test. Depending on your age and the length of time you have been a permanent resident, you may not be required to take the English language test. Refer to the section in these instructions entitled "Naturalization Testing, Exemptions From English Language Test" for more information.

Part 3. Information to Contact You

Provide your current telephone numbers as well as your current e-mail address. Type or print "N/A" if an item is not applicable or if the answer is "none," unless otherwise indicated. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and use a TDD telephone connection, indicate this by writing "TDD" after the telephone number.

Part 4. Information About Your Residence

List every address where you have lived during the last 5 years (including other countries) **prior to filing your Form N-400.** Begin with where you live now. Include the dates you lived in those places. For example, write May 1, 1998 to June 1, 1999 as 05/01/1998 to 06/01/1999.

If you received benefits under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), you may provide your safe address.

Do not provide a Post Office (PO) Box number here unless that is your only address.

If you do not have a State or Province, enter the name of your city again in that box. If you do not have a ZIP or Postal Code, enter "00000" in the ZIP or Postal Code box.

NOTE: If you are filing under INA section 319(b) and you want USCIS to collect your biometrics in the United States, then you must provide an address in the United States. USCIS will send a letter to your mailing address in the United States notifying you when and where to go for biometrics services.

A. Mailing address. Provide your mailing address if it is different from your current address. Provide "*In Care Of*" (C/O) Name information, if applicable.

NOTE: USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address. If USCIS rejects your Form N-400, USCIS may not be able to return the fee for the Form N-400 to you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address.

Part 5. Information About Your Parents

Citizenship of Parents. Complete the questions in **Part 5**, if one or both of your biological or legally adoptive parents is a U.S. citizen.

Check "No" if your mother and father are not U.S. citizens.

NOTE: If your mother or father is a U.S. citizen, you may already be a U.S. citizen. Visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov for further information on this topic before you consider filing Form N-400.

Part 6. Information For Criminal Records Check

For each item, check every box that best describes your natural features without enhancement or modification.

NOTE: This may not be the current state of your appearance. USCIS is aware that the appearance of an individual may be changed.

You must follow the American system of measurement when you provide your height. For example, write 5 feet 9 inches as 05 for feet and 09 for inches. Do not write your height in meters or centimeters. If you do so, your Form N-400 may be delayed.

Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race

1. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**Note:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Item Number 3**.)
2. **White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
3. **Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
4. **Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
5. **American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
6. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Part 7. Information About Your Employment and Schools You Attended

List where you have worked or attended school full time or part time during the last 5 years. Provide information for the complete time period. Include all military, police, and/or intelligence service.

Begin by providing information about your current and most recent employment, studies, or unemployment, if applicable. Provide the locations and dates where you worked, were self-employed, were unemployed, or have studied during the last 5 years. If you worked for yourself, write "self-employed." If you were unemployed, write "unemployed."

Part 8. Time Outside the United States

1. Provide the total number of days (24 hours or longer) you spent outside the United States during the last 5 years.
2. Provide the total number trips (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years.
3. Provide information for every trip (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years. Begin with your most recent trip and work backwards.

Part 9. Information About Your Marital History

1. Check the marital status you have on the date you file your Form N-400.
2. If you are married, indicate if your spouse is a current member of the U.S. Armed Forces.
3. Write the number of times you have been married. Include any annulled marriages. If you were married to the same person more than one time, count each time as a separate marriage.
4. If you are now married, provide information about your current spouse.
5. Check the box to indicate whether your current spouse is a U.S. citizen.
6. If your current spouse is a U.S. citizen through naturalization, check the box that indicates when your spouse became a U.S. citizen and provide the date of his or her naturalization.
7. Provide the requested information if your spouse is not a U.S. citizen.
8. If your spouse was married before, provide information about your current spouse's prior marriages. If your current spouse has had more than one previous marriage, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in **Items A. - H.** If your spouse was married to the same person more than one time, provide the requested information about each marriage separately.
9. If you were married before, provide information about your prior spouse or spouses. If you were married to the same person more than one time, provide the requested information about each marriage separately.
 - A. Provide your prior spouse's full name.
 - B. Provide the immigration status your prior spouse had during your marriage. Check "Other" and explain if your spouse was not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident during your marriage.
 - C. Provide your prior spouse's date of birth.
 - D. Provide your prior spouse's country of birth.
 - E. Provide your prior spouse's country of citizenship or nationality.
 - F. Provide the date you entered into marriage with your prior spouse.
 - G. Provide the date your marriage with your prior spouse ended.
 - H. Check the box that indicates how your marriage ended. Check "Other" if your marriage was otherwise legally terminated and explain.

Part 10. Information About Your Children

1. Indicate your total number of children. Count all of your children, regardless of whether they are:
 - A. Alive, missing, deceased;
 - B. Born in other countries or in the United States;
 - C. Under 18 years of age or over 18 years of age;
 - D. Married or unmarried;
 - E. Living with you or elsewhere;
 - F. Current stepchildren;
 - G. Legally adopted children; or
 - H. Children born when you were not married.

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2. Provide information about all your children listed in **Item Number 1.**, regardless of age. Attach an additional sheet(s) of paper to list additional children.
- A.1. Provide your child's current legal name.
 - A.2. Provide your child's A-Number (*if applicable*).
 - A.3. Provide your child's date of birth.
 - A.4. Provide your child's country of birth. Write the name of the country, at the time of your child's birth, even if the name has changed.
 - A.5. Provide your child's current address.
 - (1) If your son or daughter is living with you, write "Child Residing With Me" in the space provided for the child's address;
 - (2) If your son or daughter is not living with you, write the address where your child resides; or
 - (3) If your son or daughter is missing or deceased, write "Child Missing" or "Child Deceased" in the space provided for the address.
 - A.6. List your child's relationship to you (*e.g., biological child, stepchild, legally adopted child*).
 - B.1. - B.6. If you have a second child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.
 - C.1. - C.6. If you have a third child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.
 - D.1. - D.6. If you have a fourth child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.

Part 11. Additional Information

Answer each question by checking "Yes" or "No." If any part of a question applies to you or has ever applied to you, you must answer "Yes." If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, include a written explanation on an additional sheet(s) of paper and provide any evidence to support your answer. Answering "Yes" to one of these questions does not automatically cause an application to be denied.

Part 12. Your Signature

Read the statement and then sign the Form N-400 as you normally sign your name. You may place an "X" mark instead of a signature if you are unable to write in any language. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if it is not signed.

NOTE: A designated representative may sign here if the applicant is unable to sign due to a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. A designated representative who signs on behalf of an applicant attests under penalty of perjury that the information being provided in the application is true and correct.

A designated representative who is signing on behalf of an applicant with a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment should write the name of the applicant and then his or her own name, followed by the words "Designated Representative." The designated representative should **not** also complete **Part 13.**, dealing with Preparers.

Part 13. Signature and Contact Information of the Person Who Prepared This Form, If Other Than the Applicant

If you prepared this form by yourself, leave this section blank. If someone filled out this form for you, he or she must complete this section.

Part 14. Statement of Applicants Who Used an Interpreter

If you answered "Yes" to **Part 2., Item Numbers 11.** or **12.** of this form and used an interpreter to interpret the questions on the form before submitting it, then **you and your interpreter** must complete this section.

NOTE: Do not complete Parts 15., 16., and 17. until a USCIS Officer instructs you to do so at the interview.

Part 15. Signature at Interview

Do not complete this part. The USCIS Officer will ask you to complete this part at your interview.

Part 16. Renunciation of Foreign Titles

Do not complete this part until a USCIS Officer instructs you to do so at your interview.

Most people do not have a foreign hereditary title or order of nobility. This part will apply only if you answered "Yes" to **Part 11., Item Numbers 4. and 53.** If you do have a hereditary title or order of nobility, the law requires you to renounce this title as part of your oath ceremony to become a U.S. citizen. In **Part 16.,** you must affirm you are ready to do so.

Part 17. Oath of Allegiance

Do not complete this part. The USCIS Officer will ask you to complete this part at your interview.

If USCIS approves your application, you must take this Oath of Allegiance to become a citizen. In limited cases, you can take a modified oath. The oath requirement cannot be waived unless you are unable to understand its meaning because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. For more information, see A Guide to Naturalization (M-476). Your signature on this form only indicates that you have no objections to taking the Oath of Allegiance. It does not mean that you have taken the oath or that you are naturalized. If USCIS approves your Form N-400 for naturalization, you must attend an oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

Required Evidence

The following is a list of documents to submit with your Form N-400:

Photographs.

Provide two identical passport-style color photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of filing your Form N-400. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. If a digital photo is submitted, it must be taken from a camera with at least 3.5 mega pixels of resolution.

The photos must be 2" x 2" and must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1" to 1 3/8" from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8" to 1 3/8" from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious denomination of which you are a member; however, your face must be visible. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the back of each photo.

Copy of Permanent Resident Card.

Provide a photocopy of the front and back of your Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card). USCIS must be able to read the information on the photocopy. If you have lost your Form I-551, attach a copy of any other entry document or a photocopy of a receipt showing that you have filed Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.

The following is a list of documents to bring with you to your Form N-400 interview:

Permanent Resident Card.

State-Issued Identification. Bring a valid State-issued identification, such as a driver's license.

Passports and Travel Documents. Bring valid and expired passport(s), as well as any travel documents issued by USCIS.

Other Documents. Depending on the circumstances, you should bring certain documents to your interview. For example, if you have been arrested or convicted of a crime, you must bring certified arrest report(s), court disposition(s), sentencing report(s), and any other relevant documents. If you were placed on probation, you must provide evidence that you completed your probationary period.

You do not need to bring documentation for traffic fines and incidents (unless alcohol- or drug-related) that did not involve an actual arrest if the penalty was only a fine of less than \$500 or points on your driver's license.

For more information on the documents you must bring to your interview, see A Guide to Naturalization (M-476).

What is the Filing Fee

The fee for filing Form N-400 is **\$595**.

NOTE: No fee is required for military applicants filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA.

USCIS also requires you to pay a biometrics services fee of **\$85** when filing Form N-400 regardless of where you live and whether you are filing from within the United States or abroad.

Biometrics Services Fee Exceptions

You do not have to pay a biometrics services fee if:

1. You are 75 years of age or older; **or**
2. You are filing under the military provisions, Section 328 or 329 of the INA.

USCIS cannot accept a biometrics services fee if you are not required to pay a biometrics services fee. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you attach a check for more than what you are required to pay.

USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee. In such a case, USCIS will return any filing fee you submitted with your Form N-400.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your checks or money orders for your Form N-400 fees:

1. The checks or money orders must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; **and**
2. **Make the checks or money orders payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security.**
NOTE: Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."
3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate for instructions on the method of payment.

Notice To Those Making Payment by Check

If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24-hours and will be shown on your regular account statement.

USCIS will not return your original check. USCIS will destroy it and keep a copy with your file. If the EFT cannot be processed due to technical reasons, you authorize USCIS to process the copy of the check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, USCIS may try to make the EFT up to two more times.

If you receive an insufficient funds notice, USCIS will send you instructions on how to submit your penalty fee. **Do not** send a check for the penalty fee to the address where you filed your Form N-400. It will be returned to you.

How To Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form N-400 fees and biometrics services fees are current as of the edition date appearing in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov, select "FORMS," and check the appropriate fee; **or**
2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Fee Waiver Request

You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR Part 103.7(c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, submit Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or a written request for a fee waiver, and any required evidence of your inability to pay the form fee with this form. You can review the fee waiver guidance on the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver

Re-Filing Form N-400

If USCIS denied your previously filed Form N-400 and you are filing a new Form N-400, you must pay the full amount. **Otherwise, USCIS will not accept your Form N-400. USCIS cannot apply a previously submitted filing fee amount to a newly filed Form N-400.**

Where To File

Please visit our Web site at www.uscis.gov/N-400 or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this benefit request. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Processing Information

Any Form N-400 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected. Any application that is not completed in accordance with these instructions, is missing pages or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence may also be rejected. If your Form N-400 is rejected, the form and any fees will be returned to you and you will be notified why the form is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the Form N-400. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

Requests for more information, including biometrics, or interview. USCIS may request more information or evidence, and will request that you appear for an interview. USCIS may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. USCIS will return these originals when they are no longer required.

At the time of an interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, USCIS may require that you provide biometric information (e.g., photograph, fingerprints) to verify your identity and update your background information.

Decision. The decision on a Form N-400 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. If you do not establish a basis for eligibility, USCIS will deny your Form N-400. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

Address Change

If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/addresschange or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

Call the Military Help Line at **1-877-247-4645** if you are transferred to a new duty station after you file your Form N-400, including if you are deployed overseas or to a vessel.

Attorney or Representative

You may be represented, at no expense to the U.S. Government, by an attorney or other duly accredited representative. Your attorney or representative must submit a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, with your Form N-400. Your attorney or representative may also submit the Form G-28 at the time of your interview. Form G-28 can be obtained by visiting the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/G-28, calling the USCIS Forms Request Line at **1-800-870-3676**, or by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov where you can get the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at **1-800-870-3676**. You may also obtain forms and immigration-related information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

You can now schedule an appointment through the USCIS Internet-based system, **InfoPass**. To access **InfoPass**, please visit the USCIS Web site. Use the **InfoPass** appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. **InfoPass** generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form N-400, USCIS will deny your Form N-400 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you may be subject to criminal prosecution and penalties provided by law.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under section 334 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. 1445], as amended INA section 101.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this benefit application is to determine if you have established eligibility for naturalization. USCIS requests the applicant to provide their Social Security Number (SSN) to facilitate and expedite the adjudication of the applicant's request. The SSN is used to establish and corroborate the applicant's identity to complete a sufficient background check. USCIS will use the information you provide to grant or deny the benefit.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including the SSN, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.

ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this benefit application may be disclosed to other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS), which can be found at www.dhs.gov/privacy].

USCIS Compliance Review and Monitoring

By signing this form, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this form are true and correct. You have also authorized the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to determine eligibility for the benefit you are seeking and consented to USCIS' verification of such information.

The Department of Homeland Security has the authority to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS' legal authority to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. sections 1103, 1155, 1184, 1427, and 1445, and 8 CFR Parts 103, 204, 205, 214, 316, and 334. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case has been decided. Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile, other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections of residences and locations of employment; and interviews. Information obtained through verification will be used to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for the benefit sought.

Subject to the restrictions under 8 CFR Part 103.2(b)(16), you will be provided an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may result from a USCIS compliance review, verification, or site visit after a formal decision is made on your case or after the agency has initiated an adverse action which may result in revocation or termination of an approval.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless Form N-400 displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 6 hours and 55 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the Form N-400. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0052. **Do not mail your completed Form N-400 to this address.**