



## Disability Waiver: Form N-648

- What does Form N-648 do?
  - **If USCIS accepts it**, you do not have to take the English and/or civics tests at the naturalization interview (depending on what the doctor fills out on the form).
  - You still **must** attend your naturalization interview(s) at USCIS.
- What is required for Form N-648?
  - You must be **diagnosed with a condition** that makes it impossible to learn or demonstrate understanding of English and/or civics.
- Who can fill out Form N-648?
  - USCIS requires that a certifying medical professional who has examined you fills out the form. USCIS defines a certifying medical professional as a fully licensed medical doctor (MD), clinical psychologist, or licensed doctor of osteopathy (DO).
  - A nurse practitioner (NP), medical resident, and physician assistant (PA) **may not** sign the form.
- Who signs Form N-648?
  - The certifying medical professional, any in-person interpreter, and you must sign it.
- My primary care provider is not a “certifying medical professional.” What do I do?
  - Nurse practitioners (NP), medical residents, and physician assistants (PA) cannot sign the form. Schedule an appointment with your provider’s supervising doctor to meet you in-person and sign the form.
- My provider will not complete or sign Form N-648. What can I do?
  - Look for another doctor, try to study for the English and civics tests, or wait until you meet an age-based exemption to apply.
- Where do I find the form? Are there instructions?
  - USCIS provides the form and instructions online here: <https://www.uscis.gov/n-648>
  - Project Citizenship can mail you a blank form and simplified instructions for medical professionals for you to bring to your next doctor’s appointment.
- Does a Form N-648 last forever?
  - **No.** USCIS only accepts forms that are submitted with an application for citizenship within 6 months of the date of the certifying medical professional’s signature.
- What is an oath waiver or public law case?
  - If an applicant’s disability prevents them from understanding / communicating their understanding of the Oath of Allegiance (written on Form N-400, page 20) in their native language, USCIS will require their legal guardian or a U.S. citizen immediate family member to attend the naturalization interview(s) and answer questions on the applicant’s behalf.

