



Citizenship Derivation in Adoption

Applicant Born on or after February 27, 1983

Citizenship was derived if all of the following are true.

- At least one of the applicant's parents was a United States citizen before the applicant turned 18 (the "**USC Parent**")
 - If parents were married when applicant was born, either parent can be the USC Parent
 - If parents were unmarried when applicant was born
 - The mother can be the USC Parent
 - If the father legitimated the applicant (by signing the birth certificate), the father can be the USC Parent
- Applicant was not married before turning 18
- Applicant lives/lived in the U.S. in the legal and physical custody of the USC Parent
- Applicant is either
 - a lawful permanent resident; or
 - entered the United States on an IH-4 or IR-4 visa (to be adopted in the United States)
- The adoption is final

Applicant Born before February 26, 1983

Citizenship was derived if all of the following are true.

- At least one of the applicant's parents was a United States citizen before the applicant turned 18 (the "**USC Parent**")
 - If parents were married when applicant was born and both parents were U.S. citizens before the applicant turned 18, either parent can be the USC Parent
 - If parents were married when applicant was born and only one parent was a U.S. Citizen,
 - the noncitizen parent must have been deceased before the applicant turned 18; or
 - the parents must have been legally separated before the applicant turned 18 and the US Citizen parent had custody
 - If parents were unmarried when applicant was born, the mother must be the USC Parent
- Applicant was not married before turning 18
- Applicant lives/lived in the U.S. in the legal and physical custody of the USC Parent
- Applicant is a lawful permanent resident
- The adoption is final