

# N-400 Naturalization Application Package

## Overview for Filing Form N-400

### ORDER#

PREPARED FOR

PREPARED ON

### Contact Us

786-551-1119

support@citizenconcerge.org

Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, is an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen

If you have a biological or legal adoptive parent who is a U.S. citizen by birth or was naturalized before you turned 18, you may already be a U.S. citizen and may not need to file this application. We recommend that you visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) to learn more about this topic and review the instructions for Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, or Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322, before considering this application.

If one or both of your parents are U.S. citizens, please complete Part 6, which requests information about your parents. However, if neither of your parents is a U.S. citizen, you may skip Part 6 and proceed to Part 7, which requests biographical information.

USCIS has created A Guide to Naturalization (M-476) to assist you in understanding the naturalization process. This guide outlines the eligibility requirements and procedures for naturalization. If you do not currently have a photocopy of M-476, it is available for viewing on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Additionally, USCIS provides filing tips and additional resources to aid you in the naturalization process. You may visit [www.uscis.gov/N-400](http://www.uscis.gov/N-400) to access these resources.

If you  
qualify  
for an e

To apply for naturalization and become a U.S. citizen, you must fulfill certain requirements. These general eligibility requirements include:

Page 1 / 21

- 1 Being at least 18 years old at the time of filing, with the exception of active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces;

- 2 Being a permanent resident of the United States for the required period of time;
- 3 Having lived within the state or USCIS district where you claim residence for at least 3 months prior to filing;
- 4 Demonstrating physical presence within the United States for the required period of time.
- 5 Demonstrate continuous residence within the United States for the required period of time;
- 6 Exhibit good moral character;
- 7 Demonstrate continuous residence within the United States for the required period of time;
- 8 Exhibit a basic understanding of U.S. history and government, including the ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English (also known as "civics"); and
- 9 Take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States, with certain applicants being eligible for a modified oath.

As part of the naturalization process, you are required to take the naturalization test to demonstrate your ability to read, write, and speak basic English, as well as exhibit a fundamental understanding of U.S. history and government (civics).

## Exemptions From the English Language Test

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

## Exemptions From the English Language Test

You may be exempt from taking the English language test if you meet one of the following age and residency requirements at the time of filing Form N-400:

- 1 You are 50 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for at least 20 years. In this case, you are only required to take the civics test in the language of your choice.
- 2 You are 55 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for at least 15 years. Similarly, you are only required to take the civics test in the language of your choice.
- 2 You are 65 years of age or older and have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for at least 20 years. Again, you are only required to take 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 years of residency, make sure to answer "Yes" to at least one question in Part 2, Item Number 13 of Form N-400.

## Medical Exception to the English Language and/or Civics Test

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

NOTE: If you are requesting a medical exception to the English language and civics tests, you should answer "Yes" in Part 2, Item Number 12 of Form N-400, and submit a completed Form N-648 when you file your Form N-400.

Do not submit this form if:

To access USCIS forms, you can visit the USCIS website where the forms are available for free. To view, print, or fill out these forms, its recommended to use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which can be downloaded for free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you dont have internet access, you can request USCIS to mail a form to you by contacting the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call 1-800-767-1833 (TTY).

Signature. It is mandatory to complete, sign, and file each application correctly. USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name instead of a handwritten signature. A legal guardian can sign for someone who is mentally incompetent.

Filing Fee. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee and biometric services fee (if applicable), as specified in the What Is the Filing Fee section of these Instructions.

Evidence. All evidence and supporting documentation listed in the Required Evidence section of these Instructions must be submitted at the time of filing.

Biometrics Services Appointment. USCIS may request that you attend an interview or provide biometric information such as fingerprints, photograph, and signature, at any time to verify your identity and conduct background and security checks, including criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After receiving and reviewing your application, USCIS will notify you in writing if you are required to attend a biometric services appointment. The notification will include the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC), as well as the date and time of your appointment. If you are outside the United States, you may be instructed to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office to schedule an appointment.

If you are required to provide biometrics, it is mandatory for you to attend the appointment. During the appointment, you will be asked to sign an oath reaffirming that you have provided or authorized all information in the application, reviewed and understood all of the information contained in and submitted with your application, and that all the information provided is complete, true, and correct at the time of filing. If you fail to attend the appointment, USCIS may deny your application.

Copies. It is recommended to submit clear and readable photocopies of the required documents, unless the instructions explicitly ask for original documents. USCIS has the right to request original documents at the time of filing or any stage of processing an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document, it will be returned to the applicant after USCIS determines it no longer needs it.

NOTE: If you submit original documents when they are not required or requested by USCIS, they may be destroyed upon receipt.

Translations. If you provide a document that contains foreign language information, you must include a complete and accurate English translation. The translator must certify and sign that they are proficient in translating the foreign language into English.

- 1 Please use black ink and ensure that your handwriting is clear and readable.
- 2 If you need additional space to answer any item on the application, you may attach a separate sheet of paper. Ensure that you type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (if applicable) at the top of each sheet, and indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers.
- 3 Please provide full and accurate answers to all questions. If a question does not apply to you, type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If the question requires a numeric response and your answer is zero or none, type or print "None" unless otherwise directed.
- 4 Please do not use highlighting, crossing out, or typing or printing outside the area designated for a response. If you need to make significant corrections to your Form N-400, USCIS suggests that you start a new form instead of using correction tape or fluid to make corrections. USCIS scanners may detect the white correction tape or fluid, which could result in incorrect information being entered into USCIS systems, leading to processing delays or rejection of your Form N-400.
- 5 Make sure to provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page (if any). Your A-Number is printed on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card) and consists of a seven to nine digit number, depending on when your record was created. If your A-Number has fewer than nine digits, add enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine digits on Form N-400. For example, type or print number A1234567 as A001234567 or type or print number A12345678 as A012345678.
- 6 Ensure that your application is properly completed, signed, and filed. You must include all pages of Form N-400, even if they are blank, when you submit your application. A photocopy of the application is acceptable as long as all signatures on the application are handwritten and original. USCIS does not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature.

An applicant filing under the general naturalization provision can file the application up to 90 days before the required 5-year period of continuous residence as a lawful permanent resident (LPR) is met. Similarly, an applicant filing as the spouse of a U.S. citizen under section 319(a) of the INA can file up to 90 days before the required 3-year period of continuous residence as an LPR is met. However, filing early does not make the applicant eligible for naturalization until the required 3- or 5-year period of continuous residence as an LPR is met. It is important to note that applicants filing up to 90 days before meeting the continuous residence requirement must still meet all other naturalization requirements at the time of filing Form N-400. For instance, an applicant filing under section 319(a) of the INA must fulfill all other requirements as the spouse of a U.S. citizen at the time of filing.

## **This form is divided into 18 parts.**

### **Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility**

Please choose the appropriate option that applies to your case by selecting only one box. If multiple boxes are selected, it may cause delays in the processing of your Form N-400.

NOTE: If you are a lawful permanent resident of the United States and the spouse of a U.S. citizen who is regularly engaged in specified employment abroad under Section 319(b) of the INA, you are not eligible to naturalize overseas. Instead, you must be physically present in the United States at the time of your interview and naturalization. Therefore, you must indicate the name of the USCIS Field Office where you would like to have your naturalization interview. You can find a list of USCIS Field Offices on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-uscis-office/field-offices](http://www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-uscis-office/field-offices).

Item Number 1. Your Current Legal Name. To ensure accuracy and consistency, please provide your current legal name as it appears on your birth certificate, unless it has been legally changed through marriage or court order. Do not use a nickname or any other name that is not your legal name.

Item Number 2. Your Name Exactly As It Appears on Your Permanent Resident Card (if applicable). The applicant should type or print their name exactly as it appears on their Permanent Resident Card, even if it is misspelled or has been changed through marriage, divorce, or other court order since they received the card. If the applicant does not have a Permanent Resident Card, they should type or print "N/A".

Item Number 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 extra space to complete this section, use a separate sheet of paper.

Item Number 4. Name Change (Optional). If you are naturalized, you may ask the court to allow you to change your name. However, any name change request you make on this application will only be considered final when the court naturalizes you. If you want the court to change your name during your naturalization oath ceremony, indicate "Yes" and complete this section. Note that you do not need to request a name change if your name has already changed through marriage, divorce, or other court order.

Please be advised that if you are a member of the military, or the spouse of a member of the military, who is naturalizing overseas, USCIS cannot process any name change requests at this time.

Item Number 5. U.S. Social Security Number, which should be provided if applicable. If you do not have one, type or print "N/A".

Item Number 6. USCIS Online Account Number, if you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system. You can find this number by logging into your account and going to the profile page. If you received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice after filing certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have been issued a USCIS Online Account Number. In this case, enter that number in the space provided. Its important to note that the USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.

Item Number 7. Indicate your gender by selecting either "male" or "female".

Item Number 8. Date of Birth. Use eight numbers in the following order: Month, Day, Year. For example, if you were born on May 1, 1958, you should type or print it as 05/01/1958. It is important to provide this information accurately, as USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you do not provide your date of birth.

Item Number 9. Date You Became a Lawful Permanent Resident (if applicable). Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card). Provide the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, type or print August 9, 1988, as 08/09/1988. USCIS may reject your application if you are a lawful permanent resident and do not provide the date you became a lawful permanent resident.

Note that both your USCIS A-Number and your permanent resident date are required to file Form N-400. If you do not have this information, you should schedule an appointment to obtain it before filing your Form N-400.

Item Number 10. Country of Birth. Write your birth country using legible print or type. Use the name of the country that existed at the time of your birth, even if the name has changed since then.

Item Number 11. Country of Citizenship or Nationality. Write the name of the country where you currently hold citizenship or nationality, using the current name of the country. If the country has changed its name, use the current name.

- 1 If you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national, using its current name.
- 2 If you hold citizenship or nationality in multiple countries, write the name of the foreign country that issued your most recent passport.

Item Number 12. **Is there any physical, developmental, or mental impairment that would hinder you from demonstrating your English language and civics knowledge required for naturalization?** Select “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

Item Number 13. Exemptions from the English Language Test. You may be exempted from taking the English language test based on your age and length of time as a lawful permanent resident. You can find more information on this topic in the Naturalization Testing, Exemptions From the English Language Test section of these Instructions, located on page 2 of 18.

USCIS is dedicated to ensuring that individuals with disabilities and/or impairments are able to fully participate in USCIS programs and benefits. Reasonable accommodations will vary depending on the disability and/or impairment, and may involve modifications to procedures or practices. There are a variety of reasonable accommodations that USCIS may provide, such as:

- 1 If you are deaf or hard of hearing, USCIS may offer a sign-language interpreter at an interview or other immigration-related appointment
- 2 If you are blind or have low vision, USCIS may allow you to take a test orally instead of in writing.
- 3 If you are unable to travel to a USCIS location for an interview, USCIS may arrange to conduct the naturalization interview at your home or hospital.

If you require USCIS to provide reasonable accommodation for your disability or impairment, indicate "Yes" and select any relevant box in Items A.-C. under Item Number 1. to describe the nature of your impairment. Please also describe the type of accommodation you need on the provided lines. If you require a sign-language interpreter, specify the language, such as American Sign Language. If you need more space to complete this section, attach a separate sheet of paper.

Please note that all USCIS facilities within the US meet the Accessibility Guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act, so you do not need to contact USCIS to request accommodation for physical access. However, in Part 3, Item C. under Item Number 1, you may indicate whether you use a wheelchair to help USCIS prepare for your visit.

NOTE: It is important to note that USCIS provides meaningful access to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals during interviews or other immigration benefit-related appointments, unless prohibited by law. LEP individuals can bring a qualified interpreter to their interview.

Requests for reasonable accommodations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and USCIS will do its best to accommodate your disabilities and/or impairments. USCIS will not deny your application or exclude you from participating in their programs because of your disabilities and/or impairments. It is also important to note that requesting and/or receiving an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for an immigration benefit.

Please provide your current telephone numbers and email address. If an item is not applicable or if the answer is "none," type or print "N/A," unless otherwise indicated. If you are hearing impaired and use a TTY telephone connection, indicate this by writing "TTY" after the telephone number.

- 1 Hispanic or Latino refers to an individual whose cultural or ancestral roots can be traced back to Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South or Central America, or any other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of their race. (Please note that this category is only included under Ethnicity in Part 7, Item Number 1.)
- 2 White pertains to a person whose ancestry is derived from any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa
- 3 Asian denotes a person whose lineage can be traced back to any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. This group includes people from countries such as Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- 4 Black or African American refers to an individual whose roots can be traced back to any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- 5 American Indian or Alaska Native denotes a person whose ancestry can be traced back to the original inhabitants of North and South America, including Central America. This group also includes those who maintain tribal affiliations or community ties.
- 6 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander pertains to a person whose lineage can be traced back to the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Item Number 3. Height. Select the values that correspond to your height in feet and inches. For instance, if you are 5 feet and 9 inches tall, choose "5" for feet and "09" for inches. Please avoid entering your height in meters or centimeters as it may cause a delay in processing your Form N-400.

Item Number 4. Weight. Enter your weight in pounds. If you are unsure of your weight, or if it is below 30 pounds or above 699 pounds, please enter "000". Kindly avoid entering your weight in kilograms

Item Number 5. Eye Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

Item Number 6. Hair Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.



## Part 8. Information About Your Employment and Schools You Attended

Please list all the places where you have worked or attended school, either full time or part time, over the past five years. Please provide information for the entire time period, including any military, police, or intelligence service experience.

Start by providing information about your current or most recent employment, studies, or unemployment, if applicable. Include the locations and dates of your employment, self-employment, unemployment, or studies within the past five years. If you were self-employed, please write "self-employed." If you were unemployed, please write "unemployed."

Item Number 1: Please state the total number of days (24 hours or longer) that you have spent outside of the United States during the past 5 years.

Item Number 2: Please provide the total number of trips (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years.

Item Number 3: Please provide details for every trip (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States within the last 5 years. Please begin with your most recent trip and work backwards in chronological order.

Item Number 1: What is your current marital status? Please select your marital status as of the date you file your Form N-400. If you have never been married, please proceed to Part 11 - Information About Your Children.

Item Number 2: If you are currently married, please indicate whether your spouse is a current member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Item Number 3: How many times have you been married, including annulled marriages, marriages to other people, and marriages to the same person? Please type or write the number of times you have been married. If you were married to the same person more than once, please count each instance as a separate marriage.

Item Number 4: If you are currently married, please provide the requested information about your current spouse.

Item Number 5: Please indicate whether your current spouse is a U.S. citizen by selecting the appropriate box.

Item Number 6: If your current spouse became a U.S. citizen after birth, please select the box indicating when your spouse became a U.S. citizen and provide the date of naturalization.

Item Number 7: If your current spouse is not a U.S. citizen, please provide the requested information about your spouse.

Item Number 8: How many times has your current spouse been married, including annulled marriages, marriages to other people, and marriages to the same person? If your current spouse has been married before, please provide the following information about your current spouses prior spouse:

Full legal name of your current spouses prior spouse  
Immigration status of your current spouses prior spouse (if known)  
Date of birth of your current spouses prior spouse  
Country of birth of your current spouses prior spouse  
Country of citizenship or nationality of your current spouses prior spouse  
Date of marriage between your current spouse and their prior spouse  
Date the marriage ended with the prior spouse  
How the marriage ended with the prior spouse

If your current spouse has had more than one previous marriage, please use a separate sheet of paper to provide the requested information for each prior spouse. If your spouse was married to the same person more than once, please provide the requested information about each marriage separately.

Item Number 1: Please indicate the total number of children you have, including those who are alive, missing, or deceased; born in the United States or other countries; under 18 or over 18 years of age; married or unmarried; living with you or elsewhere; current stepchildren; legally adopted children; or children born when you were not married.

Item Number 2: Please provide information about all of your children listed in Item Number 1, regardless of their age. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper to provide the requested information. For each child, please provide the following information:

The child's current legal name  
The A-Number (if applicable)  
The date of birth  
The country of birth (please type or print the name of the country at the time of your child's birth, even if the name has since changed)  
The relationship to you (for example, biological child, stepchild, legally adopted child)  
The child's current address.

- 1 If your son or daughter is currently living with you, please type or print "Child Residing With Me" in the space provided for the child's address.
- 2 If your son or daughter is not currently living with you, please type or print the address where your child currently resides.
- 3 If your son or daughter is missing or deceased, please type or print "Child Missing" or "Child Deceased" in the space provided for the child's address.

Item Numbers 1 - 50. Answer each question by selecting "Yes" or "No," where applicable. 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 the questions in Item Numbers 1 - 44. in this part, include a typed or printed explanation on a separate sheet of paper. You may also provide evidence to support your answers. If you answer "No" to any question in Item Numbers 45. - 50., include a typed or printed explanation on a separate sheet of paper. Your answers, whether "Yes" or "No," will not automatically cause your application to be denied.

Item Numbers 1-6: Please select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read and completed the application yourself, or whether you had an interpreter or preparer assist you. If you had someone assist you, please select the box indicating that you used a preparer.

In addition, you must sign and date your application. Every application **MUST** contain the signature of the applicant (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. 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.

Item Numbers 1-7: If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section. The interpreter must provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). Additionally, the interpreter must sign and date the application.

Item Numbers 1-8: This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, that person should complete both Part 14 and Part 15.

If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you complete this application **MUST** sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of the application, he or she may be obliged to also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if it is not signed by the preparer you used to prepare the questions on the application.

**NOTE:** Do not complete Parts 16., 17., and 18. until a USCIS Officer instructs you to do so at the interview.

### **Part 16. Signature at Interview**

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

### **Part 17. 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 12, Items A and B, in Item Number 4. 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 17, you must affirm that you are ready to do so.

### **Part 18. 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 the Oath of Allegiance to become a U.S. 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 application 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.

It is suggested that you keep a hard copy or digital copy of your completed application for future reference and record-keeping purposes

Below is a list of documents to submit with your Form N-400.

1. Photographs. This requirement only applies to applicants who reside overseas. Two identical color photographs of yourself must be provided, which must be taken recently and have a white to off-white background. The photos must be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish and be unmounted and unretouched. The photos should be passport-style and measure 2" x 2". They must be in color with a full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. The 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 contrary to your religious beliefs. On the back of the photo, using a pencil or felt pen, you should lightly print your name and A-Number (if any).

2. Photocopy of Permanent Resident Card. Submit a copy of their Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) when filing Form N-400. The copy should show both the front and back of the card and be clear enough for USCIS to read all the information. If the applicant has lost their permanent resident card, they can submit a copy of any other entry document or a receipt showing that they have filed Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.

3. Photocopy of your Current Legal Marital Status Document. Please submit a photocopy of either your current marriage certificate, divorce certificate, annulment decree, or a death certificate of a former spouse

**4. Documents for Military Personnel or Spouses of Military Personnel:**

A. Form N-426 (Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service). If you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, you must submit a completed and certified Form N-426. If you are no longer in the military, you must provide an uncertified Form N-426.

B. If you have been a part of the U.S. Armed Forces, please present a DD Form 214, which is a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, for all your periods of service. In case you are presently serving in active duty within the U.S. or overseas, a photocopy of your official military orders must be submitted.

C. Additional prerequisites apply to spouses of military personnel. For eligibility criteria, refer to the Naturalization Information for Military Personnel (M-599), which can be accessed on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/military](http://www.uscis.gov/military).

Below is a list of documents to bring with you to your Form N-400 interview.

- 1 Permanent Resident Card.
- 2 State-Issued Identification. Bring a valid State-issued identification, such as a driver's license.
- 3 Passports and Travel Documents. Bring valid and expired passports, as well as any travel documents issued by USCIS.
- 4 Evidence of Your Current Legal Marital Status. Bring the original of all marriage certificates. divorce or annulment decrees. death certificates. and other official records to

confirm your marital history and your current legal marital status.

5 Documentation proving the termination of your spouses previous marriage(s), such as the original divorce certificate of your current spouse. If your spouse is a widower, bring the original death certificate of their former spouse. If these documents are unavailable, bring any other evidence that can demonstrate the termination of your spouses marriage(s) for review.

6 If you have legally changed your name(s) at any point in time, carry along the relevant legal document(s) such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, name change petition, or any other official record that confirms the name change(s).

7 Other documents that may be required, depending on the specific circumstances of your case. You may also submit copies of these documents along with your application. For instance:

A. Spouse of a U.S. Citizen. If you are applying for naturalization based on your marriage to a U.S. citizen, bring along the following items to your interview:

1 Evidence that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least 3 years from the date you filed your Form N-400. Such evidence may include a birth certificate (if your spouse has never lost their U.S. citizenship), a Certificate of Naturalization, a Certificate of Citizenship, or a Form FS-240 Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

2 Evidence of the termination of all your prior marriages; and

3 Evidence that you and your spouse have lived in marital union for at least 3 years at the time you file your Form N-400. Such evidence may include:

A Joint bank and credit card statements;

B Leases or mortgages;

C Birth certificates of children;

D Insurance policies; and

E Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-certified copies of the income tax forms that you and your spouse filed for the past 3 years (or an IRS tax return transcript for the last 3 years).

B. Spouse of a U.S. Citizen Who is Regularly Stationed Abroad. Bring evidence demonstrating your U.S. citizen spouse's qualifying employment abroad if you are filing under section 319(b). Such evidence may include:

1 The employer' name and nature of the employer's business;

2 The nature of the work the U.S. citizen spouse is performing;

3 Documentation that confirms the employing entity is fully or partly owned by U.S.

- 4 Documentation that shows the employing entity is involved, either partly or wholly, in foreign trade development and U.S. commerce

In addition to the above, bring along:

- 1 Your travel orders, which include your name as a spouse, issued to your U.S. citizen spouse.
- 2 Proof that your spouses employment abroad is scheduled to last for at least one year from the date you filed Form N-400.
- 3 A written statement that declares your intention to reside abroad with your spouse and relocate to the United States immediately following the conclusion of your spouses employment abroad.

C. Children and Support of Dependents. Carry evidence to prove that all children listed on your Form N-400 application are, indeed, your children. Such evidence may include:

- 1 Birth certificates of all children you are claiming, or a court order identifying you as their parent; or
- 2 Final adoption certificates or decrees for all children you have legally adopted.

In addition, if you have dependent children who are living separately from you, bring along evidence that you support each of these dependent children and that you have fulfilled your child support obligations. If a court has ordered you to provide financial assistance for a spouse, former spouse, or children, carry photocopies of the court or government order, as well as proof that you have complied with the order. Such evidence may include:

- 1 Cancelled checks or money order receipts;
- 2 A court or agency document showing child support payments;
- 3 Evidence of wage garnishments; or
- 4 A notarized letter from the parent or guardian who cares for your children.

D. Tax Returns and Overdue Taxes. Bring photocopies of your income tax returns that you filed with the IRS for the last five years or three years if you are applying for naturalization based on marriage to a U.S. citizen. Its not mandatory to submit tax returns for every case. However, USCIS highly recommends that you bring your tax returns, especially if you are applying based on marriage to a U.S. citizen or have traveled outside the United States for six months or more. You can obtain copies of Federal tax documents at your nearby IRS office or [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

You may also carry the original IRS tax transcript, which shows tax information for the past five years (three years if filing based on marriage to a U.S. citizen). To obtain a free IRS tax transcript, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click on "Tools," and then select "Order a Return or Account Transcript." For assistance, you can also call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946.

If you have any overdue Federal, state, or local taxes, bring:

- 1 A signed agreement from the IRS, state, or local tax office that indicates you have filed a tax return and arranged to pay the taxes you owe; and
- 2 Documentation from the IRS, state, or local tax office that displays the current status of your repayment program.

E. Trips Outside the United States. If you have taken any trips outside the United States that lasted for more than 6 months but less than 1 year, bring along evidence that you maintained your continuous residence in the United States. You may submit documentation that includes, but is not limited to, proof that during the absence:

- 1 You did not terminate your employment in the United States or work overseas;
- 2 Your immediate family remained in the United States;
- 3 You retained full access to your place of residence in the United States.  
For instance:
  - 1 An IRS tax return transcript or an IRS-certified tax return listing tax information relevant to your absence for the last 5 years (or 3 years if you are applying on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen);
  - 2 Rent or mortgage payments and pay statements;
  - 3 Bank, credit card, and loan statements showing regular transactions;
  - 4 Proof of car registration and insurance;
  - 5 A photocopy of your passport showing entry and exit stamps; or
  - 6 Any other document that shows you have not abandoned your residence in the United States.

F. Selective Service Registration. If you are a man between 18 and 26 years of age, provide proof of your registration with the Selective Service. If you are 26 years of age or older, provide proof that you registered with the Selective Service when you were required to do so between 18 and 26 years of age.

If you were supposed to register but failed to do so, prepare a typed or printed statement explaining the reason why you did not register and provide a status information letter from the Selective Service. For more information on Selective Service registration, or to obtain evidence of your registration, visit [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or call 1-888-655-1825.

G. Arrests/Convictions. If you have ever been arrested or detained anywhere in the world, by any law enforcement officer, for any reason, and no charges were filed, bring:

- 1 An original or court-certified arrest report; and
- 2 An official, certified statement from the arresting agency or relevant court affirming that no charges were filed against you.

If you have ever been arrested or detained anywhere in the world, by any law enforcement officer, for any reason, and charges were pressed against you, bring:

- 1 Certified photocopies of all arrest reports, charging documents, court dispositions, sentencing reports, and any other relevant documents.
- 2 You may include any additional evidence in your favor concerning the circumstances of your arrests or convictions that you would like USCIS to consider.
- 3 If you were placed on probation, you must provide evidence to show that you completed your probationary sentence.

If you have ever been convicted or enrolled in an alternative sentencing program (e.g., diversion) or a rehabilitative program (e.g., drug treatment or community service program), bring:

- 1 An original or court-certified court order vacating, setting aside, sealing, expunging, or otherwise removing the arrest or conviction from your record; or
- 2 An original statement from the court stating that no record exists of your arrest or conviction

NOTE: You must provide the documentation, even if someone, such as a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that you no longer have a record or that you do not have to disclose the information.

NOTE: You must provide documentation of traffic incidents if:

- 1 The incident involved alcohol or drugs;
- 2 The incident led to an arrest; or
- 2 The incident seriously injured another person.

The filing fee for Form N-400 is \$640. Additionally, a biometric services fee of \$85 is required for applicants who are under 75 years of age when submitting Form N-400, regardless of their place of residence or whether they are applying from within the United States or abroad.

However, military applicants who are filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA are exempt from paying the filing fee.

#### Biometric Services Fee Exceptions

You do not have to pay a biometric 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 biometric services fee if you are not required to pay a biometric services fee.

USCIS will reject a Form N-400 if the applicant submits an incorrect fee or uses an incorrect payment method. Additionally, if an applicant includes payment for more than what is required, USCIS will reject the application.



In the case of a rejected application, USCIS will return any filing fees with the application. Applicants should follow these guidelines when paying for their application:

- 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

Note that all fees must be submitted in exact amounts, and the filing fee and biometric services fee are non-refundable, regardless of USCIS's decision on the application. Finally, cash payments should not be mailed.

When preparing checks or money orders for the Form N-400 filing fee and biometric services fee, applicants should follow these guidelines:

#### Notice to Those Making Payment by Check

You are correct. If an applicant sends USCIS a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This process involves photocopying the check and using the account information on it to electronically debit the applicant's account for the amount of the check.

Typically, the debit from the applicant's account will take 24 hours, and their bank will show the transaction on their regular account statement.

Applicants should note that they will not receive their original check back if they send it to USCIS. Instead, USCIS will destroy the original check but keep a copy of it. In the event that USCIS cannot process the EFT due to technical issues, the agency is authorized to process the copy of the check in place of the original.

If an applicant's check is returned as unpayable, USCIS will attempt to re-submit the payment to the financial institution one time. However, if the check is returned as unpayable a second time, USCIS will reject the application and charge the applicant a returned check fee.

When completing Form G-1450 to pay Form N-400 fees by credit card, applicants should follow the following guidelines:

- 1 Ensure that all three sections of the authorization are completed and signed by the applicant. Failure to provide the requested information may result in USCIS and the financial institution not accepting the payment. It is important to note that USCIS cannot process credit card payments without an authorized signature.
- 2 Place the completed Form G-1450 on top of the Form N-400 application. This will ensure that USCIS can easily identify and process the payment.

If you submit Form G-1450, USCIS will use the information you provide to process a credit card payment through the Department of Treasury Pay.gov Collections Control Panel (CCP). CCP is a web-based application that allows government agencies to process payments by credit or debit cards.

After USCIS processes your Form G-1450, we will destroy your authorization, regardless of whether USCIS approves or denies your application. USCIS will reject your application for lack of payment if your credit card is declined, and USCIS will not attempt to process your credit card payment again.

You must use a single credit card to pay all fees on an individual application.

For more information about Form G-1450 and credit card payments for Form N-400, please visit [www.uscis.gov/N-400](http://www.uscis.gov/N-400) or review the frequently asked questions, "Pay Your N-400 Application Fee with a Credit Card," at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/fingerprints/pay-your-n-400-application-fee-your-credit-card>.

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

- 1 Visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), select "FORMS," and check the appropriate fee; or
- 2 Call the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283 and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call 1-800-767-1833.
- 1 You might be eligible for a reduced fee if your household income falls between 150 percent and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines based on your household size at the time of filing. These guidelines are established annually by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To find out more about the current Federal Poverty Guidelines, you can visit the USCIS website and review Form I-942P, Income Guidelines for Reduced Fees.

If you meet the eligibility criteria for a fee reduction, you can request it by completing Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee, and submitting it along with the required evidence to support your request along with your Form N-400. However, please note that the biometric services fee cannot be reduced if you are under 75 years of age. If your request for a reduced fee is approved, you will pay \$320 plus \$85 for a total payment of \$405. On the other hand, if you are 75 years of age or older, you are exempt from paying the biometric services fee.

It is important to submit the correct fee amount to USCIS to avoid rejection of your Form N-400. If USCIS receives an incorrect fee or payment for more than what is required, your application will be rejected, and any fees submitted will be returned to you. USCIS cannot accept a biometric services fee if you are not required to pay it

If you meet the eligibility criteria for a fee reduction, you can request it by completing Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee, and submitting it along with the required evidence to support your request along with your Form N-400. However, please note that the biometric services fee cannot be reduced if you are under 75 years of age. If your request for a reduced fee is approved, you will pay \$320 plus \$85 for a total payment of \$405. On the other hand, if you are 75 years of age or older, you are exempt from paying the biometric services fee.

### **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.

Under 8 CFR 103.7(c), you may be able to obtain a fee waiver. If you think you meet the requirements for a fee waiver, please complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver (or submit a written request), and include any necessary evidence indicating your inability to pay the filing fee along with your application. For more information on fee waivers, please visit [www.uscis.gov/feewaiver](http://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver).

In the case that your previous Form N-400 was denied by USCIS and you are submitting a new Form N-400, you will be required to pay the full amount. USCIS will not accept your new Form N-400 if the full amount is not paid. Additionally, any filing fee that was submitted for a previously denied Form N-400 cannot be applied to a new Form N-400.

For the most up-to-date information on where to submit your application, please visit our website at [www.uscis.gov/N-400](http://www.uscis.gov/N-400) or contact our USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call our TTY line at 1-800-767-1833.

If you are not a U.S. citizen and have recently moved from your previous residence, it is mandatory to notify USCIS of your new address within 10 days. To obtain information on how to file a change of address, please visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or call the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call our TTY line at 1-800-767-1833.

Please do not submit a change of address request to USCIS Lockbox facilities, as they are not authorized to process such requests.

If you are a current member of the U.S. Armed Forces and are transferred to a new duty station after filing your Form N-400, including deployment overseas or to a vessel, please call the Military Help Line at 1-877-247-4645.

If you have recently moved from your previous residence and you are not a U.S. citizen, it is mandatory to inform USCIS of your new address within 10 days. To obtain information on how to file a change of address, you can visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call our TTY line at 1-800-767-1833.

Please note that USCIS Lockbox facilities are not authorized to process change of address requests, so please do not submit them there.

For current members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are transferred to a new duty station, including those who are deployed overseas or to a vessel, please contact the Military Help Line at 1-877-247-4645 after filing your Form N-400

**Initial Processing.** After you submit your application, USCIS will review it to ensure that it is complete. If there are any missing or incomplete sections, your application may be rejected or denied, as it will not establish the basis for your eligibility.

**Requests for More Information.** In some cases, USCIS may require additional information or evidence to support your application, which may include requesting that you provide original documents if copies were submitted. If USCIS requests an original document, it will be returned to you once it is no longer needed.

**Requests for Interview.** USCIS may also request that you attend an interview at a USCIS office, based on your application. During the interview, you may be required to provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

Decision. The decision on your Form N-400 is based on whether you meet the eligibility requirements for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will communicate its decision to you in writing.

You are allowed to be represented by an attorney or other accredited representative at no cost to the U.S. Government. If you choose to have an attorney or representative, they must submit a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, along with your Form N-400. They can also submit the form at the time of your interview. You can obtain the Form G-28 by visiting the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/G-28](http://www.uscis.gov/G-28) or by contacting the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call the TTY line at 1-800-767-1833.

To ensure that you have the most up-to-date version of this application, you can visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). There, you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and find other immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you can order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. The USCIS Contact Center offers information in both English and Spanish. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call the TTY line at 1-800-767-1833.

Instead of waiting in line at a local USCIS office for assistance, you can schedule an appointment online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Select "Schedule an appointment online" and follow the prompts to set up your appointment. Once you have completed scheduling your appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.

If you intentionally and knowingly provide false information or withhold material facts or submit a fraudulent document along with your Form N-400, USCIS has the right to deny your Form N-400 and may also deny any other immigration benefit you seek. Additionally, you may face criminal prosecution and penalties as provided by law.

By signing this application, you have declared under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. section 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this application is complete, accurate, and truthful. You also grant authorization for USCIS to obtain any information from your records necessary to determine your eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking, and you consent to USCIS verifying this information.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is authorized to verify any information you provide to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS legal authority to verify this information is outlined in 8 U.S.C. sections 1103, 1155, and 1184, as well as in 8 CFR Parts 103, 204, 205, 214, 316, and 336. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case is decided.

To verify the information you provide, USCIS may use a variety of methods, including but not limited to, reviewing public records and information, contacting you via written correspondence, the internet, facsimile, other electronic transmission, or telephone, conducting unannounced physical site inspections of your residence or place of employment, and conducting interviews.

USCIS will use the information obtained through verification to assess your compliance with the laws and determine your eligibility for an immigration benefit.

In accordance with the restrictions specified under 8 CFR 103.2(b)(16), USCIS will provide you with an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may arise 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 that may lead to revocation or termination of an approval.

Authorities: The information and evidence requested on this application is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 334.

Purpose: The main purpose of requesting the information on this application is to determine your eligibility for naturalization. DHS will use the information you provide to make a decision on your application and to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

Disclosure: Providing the requested information is voluntary, but failure to do so, including providing your Social Security number (if applicable) and requested evidence, may result in a delay in the final decision or denial of your application.

Routine Uses: DHS may share the information and evidence you provide on this application with other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies, as well as authorized organizations. DHS will follow approved routine uses outlined in the associated system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System, DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check System] and published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-015 Computer Linked Application Information Management System and DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System] that can be found at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share this information as necessary for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

An agency is not permitted to conduct or sponsor information collection unless it displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Additionally, individuals are not obligated to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The estimated public reporting burden for this information collection is 9 hours and 17 minutes per response. This includes time spent reviewing instructions, gathering required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 1 hour and 10 minutes.

If you have any comments or suggestions on how to reduce this burden, including suggestions for improving the collection of information, you can send them to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009. Please note that you should not mail your completed Form N-400 to this address. The OMB control number for this information collection is 1615-0052.