

# N-600 Certificate of Citizenship Package

## Overview for Filing Form N-600

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## What Is the Purpose of Form N-600?

Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, is an application for a Certificate of Citizenship.

## Form N-600 should be filed by whom?

**This application should be filed if you fall into one of the following categories:**

1. You were born outside the United States to a U.S. citizen parent and are requesting a Certificate of Citizenship.
2. You automatically became a U.S. citizen after birth but before turning 18 years of age, and are now requesting a Certificate of Citizenship. A parent or legal guardian can also file this form on behalf of a minor child.

The determination of whether you automatically became a U.S. citizen at birth or after birth but before turning 18 years of age depends on the citizenship laws applicable during the time of your birth or when the last qualifying condition was met. For those claiming U.S. citizenship based on birth abroad to U.S. citizen parents, the laws in effect during the date of birth apply, and certain provisions apply based on whether the child was born in or out of wedlock. If claiming citizenship after birth, but before reaching 18 years of age, the applicable law is the one in effect when the last qualifying condition was met. Generally, the qualifying conditions are as follows:

**To be eligible for filing Form N-600, you must meet the following conditions before you reach the age of 18:**

- (1) One of your parents must be a U.S. citizen;
- (2) You must be the biological child of the U.S. citizen parent;
- (3) You must have lawful permanent residence in the United States; and
- (4) You must be living in the United States under the legal and physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent.

If you meet these conditions, you can file Form N-600 at any time after you have become a U.S. citizen at birth or after birth, but before you turn 18 years old. It is important to note that filing this application does not mean you are requesting to become a U.S. citizen, but only requesting a Certificate of Citizenship to recognize your citizenship status on a specific date.

Acquiring U.S. citizenship through an adoptive U.S. citizen parent is also possible for an adopted child, depending on the applicable law. At present, an adopted child can obtain U.S. citizenship through their U.S. citizen parent, but this provision DOES NOT apply to stepchildren.

NOTE: If you are now 18 years of age and all of the above conditions applied to you before your 18th birthday, you may file this application to obtain a Certificate of Citizenship. However, if you were under 18 years of age on February 27, 2001, but not all of the above conditions were met before your 18th birthday, you must qualify for U.S. citizenship in your own right.

**This application can be filed if:**

1. You are over 18 years of age and assert that you acquired U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen parent; or
2. You are the legal guardian or U.S. citizen parent who has legal and physical custody of a child (under 18 years of age), whether biological or adopted.

**Law in Effect at the Time of Your Birth**

In order to determine your U.S. citizenship status at birth, USCIS must refer to the law in effect during that time. The current law that governs U.S. citizenship was enacted on November 14, 1986, and was last revised on February 27, 2001, under the Child Citizenship Act. If you were born before November 14, 1986, and are uncertain about your U.S. citizenship status, you may contact USCIS by visiting their website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) or by calling the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. TTY users can call 1-800-767-1833.

**Do not file this application if any of the following conditions apply to you:**

1. You do not have a biological or adoptive parent who is a U.S. citizen.
2. You are the child of U.S. citizen parents who live outside the United States. You should file Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322.
3. You were born out-of-wedlock, your U.S. citizen parent is your father, and you were not legitimated before your 16th birthday.

**NOTE:** This exception does not apply if you were born abroad to an eligible U.S. citizen mother. You may still be eligible for citizenship through your mother's naturalization.

4. You want to change the information on a previously issued Certificate of Citizenship. In this case, you should file Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, to request a replacement document with the correct information. 5. You have already filed Form N-600 and received a decision from USCIS on that previously filed Form N-600. Any subsequent filing of Form N-600 will be rejected by USCIS. You should refer to your Form N-600 denial notice for further details.

USCIS offers free forms on its website, and to view, print, or complete them, you should use the most recent version of Adobe Reader, which is available for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 to request that we send you a form via mail. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing), please call 1-800-767-1833.

### **Signature**

It is important that each application is signed and filed correctly. USCIS will not accept a signature that is stamped or typewritten in place of a proper signature. If the applicant is under 14 years old, a parent or legal guardian can sign on their behalf. For mentally incompetent persons, a legal guardian may also sign the application.

### **Filing Fee**

Additionally, each application must be submitted with the appropriate filing fee. Please refer to the "What Is the Filing Fee" section of the instructions for more information on the required fee.

### **Biometric Services Fee**

If you submit the application directly to USCIS, you are not required to include a biometric services fee at the time of submission. In case you are subsequently notified to submit biometrics, you will receive a biometric services appointment notice that will include instructions on how to submit the additional biometric services fee. If you file the application with an agency other than USCIS, it is advisable to check with that agency to determine if and when you must submit a biometric services fee.

### **Evidence**

At the time of submitting the application, it is mandatory to provide all the evidence and supporting documentation as per the requirements mentioned in the What Evidence Must You Submit sections of the instructions

### **Biometric Services Appointment.**

USCIS may ask you to attend an interview or provide biometric information like fingerprints, photograph, and signature at any time to confirm your identity, collect more information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before deciding on your application, petition, or request. After USCIS receives your application and verifies that it is complete, they will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If required, the notice will provide you with the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment, or if you are overseas, guide you on how to set up an appointment at a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States.

When you have to give biometrics, you must sign an oath at the appointment that confirms:

1. You provided or allowed all information in the application.
2. You read and comprehended all the information contained in your application, and that you submitted with it.
3. All the information provided in the application was accurate, complete, and true when filed.

If you do not attend the biometric services appointment, your application may be refused by USCIS.

**Copies** When submitting documents as evidence, legible photocopies are generally sufficient, unless the Instructions specifically require original documents. USCIS may request original documents during the application process and will return them to you once they are no longer needed.

**NOTE:** However, if you submit original documents when not required, they may be destroyed upon receipt.

**Translations.** If you submit a document that is not in English, you must also include a full English translation. The translator must certify that the translation is complete and accurate and that they are competent to translate from the foreign language to English. The certification should include the date, the translators signature and printed name, and contact information if available.

1. Please use black ink and write legibly or type your answers.
2. If you need more space to answer a question, use the space provided in Part 11 or attach a separate sheet of paper. On each sheet, write your name and Alien Registration Number (if applicable) at the top, indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number that your answer refers to, and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions accurately and completely. If a question does not apply to you, write "N/A" unless directed otherwise. If a question requires a numeric response and your answer is zero or none, write "None" unless directed otherwise.
4. On each page of the form, please provide your A-Number (if any) on the top right corner. You can find your A-Number on your Permanent Resident Card (previously known as the Alien Registration or "Green" Card). The A-Number on your card has seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, add enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine numbers on Form N-600. For instance, if your A-Number is A1234567, you should type or print it as A001234567. If your A-Number is A12345678, you should type or print it as A012345678

**Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility** Item Number 1. you will need to complete Item Number 1 by selecting only one box that describes the reason why you are eligible for a Certificate of Citizenship. If none of the previous categories apply to your situation, select "Other" and provide a brief description of the basis for your application on the lines provided. Keep in mind that if you select more than one box, USCIS will reject your Form N-600.

**Part 2. Information About You** To obtain a Certificate of Citizenship, it is necessary to provide comprehensive details about yourself if you are the applicant. However, if you are a U.S. citizen parent filing an application for a minor biological or adopted child, provide information about the child.

**Item Numbers 1** Provide your current legal name which should be the name on your birth certificate, unless it has been legally changed after birth due to reasons such as marriage, adoption, or court order. Do not use a nickname or any other name that is not your legal name.

**Item Numbers 2** If your name on the permanent resident card is different from your current legal name, then provide your name as it appears on the card, regardless of any misspelling. If you do not have a permanent resident card, then type or print "N/A".

**Item Numbers 3** This item requires you to provide any other names that you have used since your birth, including aliases, maiden names, and nicknames. You should type or print these names clearly. If you need more space to complete this item, you can use the space provided in Part 11 or attach a separate sheet of paper.

**Item Number 4** U.S. Social Security Number. Type or print your U.S. Social Security Number. Type or print "N/A" if you do not have one.

**Item Number 5** if you have used the USCIS online filing system before, enter your USCIS Online Account Number in this section. This number is issued to individuals who have previously filed applications, petitions, or requests using the USCIS online filing system, which was previously called the USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS). You can locate your USCIS Online Account Number by accessing your account and visiting your profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests via paper form through a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have been given a USCIS Online Account Access Notice that contains your USCIS Online Account Number. This number is not the same as an A-Number.

**Item Number 6** Date of Birth. Please provide your date of birth in mm/dd/yyyy format.

**Item Number 7** Country of Birth. Please provide the name of the country where you were born, even if the country's name has since changed or the country no longer exists.

**Item Numbers 8** Country of Prior Citizenship or Nationality. Please provide the name of the country where you held citizenship or nationality before you became a U.S. citizen. If the country no longer exists or you are stateless, please provide the name of the foreign country where you were last a citizen or national. If you hold citizenship or nationality in more than one country, please provide the name of the foreign country that issued your most recent passport.

**Item Numbers 9** Mailing Address. Provide your mailing address even if it is the same as your physical address. If you have an "In Care Of Name," please include it. Please fill in every box except for the apartment, suite, or floor number or "In Care Of Name" if not applicable within the "Mailing Address" section. **NOTE:** Please keep in mind that if your address is incomplete or invalid, USCIS may not be able to contact you. Additionally, if your application is rejected and you did not provide a complete and valid address, USCIS may not be able to return your Form N-600 filing fee. In the event that USCIS cannot return the fee, they will cash your check.

**Item Numbers 10.** Gender. Indicate whether you are male or female.

**Item Numbers 11.** Physical Address (Do not provide a PO Box in this space unless it is your ONLY address). Provide the address where you now reside.

**Item Numbers 12.** Current Marital Status. Select your current marital status as of the date of your application filing. If your marriage was legally terminated, please select "Other" and provide an explanation of the circumstances.

**Item Number 13.** U.S. Armed Forces. Indicate whether you are presently a member or a veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces

**Item Number 14.** pertains to your admission into the United States and your current immigration status.

**Item A.** Please provide details about the location where you entered the United States and the name that you used at the time of entry.

**Item B.** Please provide information about the documents that you presented when entering the United States, including your passport or travel document number and the date of issuance, if known.

**Item C.** Please indicate your current immigration status in the United States by selecting the appropriate box. The options include lawful permanent resident, nonimmigrant, refugee, asylee, or other.

**Item D.** If you adjusted your status to lawful permanent resident while in the United States, please provide the date of adjustment, the USCIS office that granted you your status, and the location where you were admitted as a lawful permanent resident.

**Item Number 15.** Previous Application for Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport. If you have previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or a U.S. Passport (or if you are a U.S. citizen parent who has previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport for your minor child), please explain what happened with that application in the space provided. Be sure to indicate whether the Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport was issued or not. If you need more space to provide this information, you may use the area provided in Part 11, Additional Information.

**Item Number 16.** Permanent Resident Status Abandonment. Indicate if you have ever abandoned or lost your lawful permanent resident status.

**Item Number 17.** Information on Adoption. If you were adopted, please select the appropriate box and provide the following information in Items A-D if you answered "Yes":

- Date and place of the adoption
- Date that legal custody began
- Date that physical custody began



**Item Number 18.** please indicate if you have been re-adopted in the United States. For more information on the evidence you need to submit, please refer to the "What Evidence Must You Submit" section of these instructions.

**Item Numbers 19.** Please indicate whether your parents were married to each other at the time of your birth or adoption. If you were born out-of-wedlock, even if your parents subsequently married, please indicate "No." If you were adopted, please indicate whether your adoptive parents were married to each other at the time of your adoption.

**Note:**Please indicate whether your parents were married to each other at the time of your birth or adoption. If you were born out-of-wedlock, even if your parents subsequently married, please indicate "No." If you were adopted, please indicate whether your adoptive parents were married to each other at the time of your adoption.

**Item Numbers 20.** Indicate whether your parents married after your birth.

**Item Numbers 21.** Indicate whether you are currently under the physical and legal custody of your U.S. citizen parent.

**Item Numbers 22.** If you were born before October 10, 1952, and are claiming U.S. citizenship at birth, please provide information for every trip that you have taken outside of the United States since you first arrived. Start with the most recent trip and provide the requested information for each trip

**Part 3** of the application requests biographic information, including Item Numbers 1-6. Providing this information as part of your application may help reduce the amount of time that you will need to spend at your USCIS ASC appointment, as outlined in the Biometric Services Appointment section of these instructions. Please make sure to complete all of the requested fields accurately and thoroughly.

**Item Numbers 1. - 2.** Ethnicity and Race. Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

**Hispanic or Latino** - this category includes individuals of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Please note that this category is only included under **Ethnicity in Part 3, Item Number 1.**

**White** - this category includes individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Asian** - this category includes individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, such as Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American**- this category includes individuals with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**American Indian or Alaska Native** - this category includes individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** - this category includes individuals with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**Item Number 3.** Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are 5 feet and 9 inches tall, select "5" for feet and "09" for inches. Please do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

**Item Number 4.** Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight, or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter "000." Please do not enter your weight in kilograms.

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

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

## **Part 4. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Biological Father (or Adoptive Father)**

**Items 1. - 9.** If you are claiming U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father). Please provide the following details in the spaces provided:

- Full legal name of your U.S. citizen father
- Date of birth of your U.S. citizen father
- Country of birth of your U.S. citizen father
- Country of citizenship or nationality of your U.S. citizen father
- Information on U.S. citizenship of your U.S. citizen father
- Marital history of your U.S. citizen father
- Physical address of your U.S. citizen father

Please note that if you are a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor child, you will need to provide information about yourself where information is requested about the U.S. citizen father.

For individuals who are claiming U.S. citizenship solely through a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother), please complete Part 5 of the application.

**Items Numbers 1. - 9.** If you are claiming U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother), please provide the following information in the spaces provided:

- Full legal name of your U.S. citizen mother
- Date of birth of your U.S. citizen mother



- Country of birth of your U.S. citizen mother
- Country of citizenship or nationality of your U.S. citizen mother
- Information on U.S. citizenship of your U.S. citizen mother
- Marital history of your U.S. citizen mother
- Physical address of your U.S. citizen mother

Please note that if you are claiming U.S. citizenship solely through a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father), you will need to complete Part 4 of the application instead. Make sure to fill out all of the requested fields accurately and completely.

**Provide information about yourself if** you are a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor child where information is requested about the U.S. citizen mother.

## **Part 6. Physical Presence in the United States From Birth Until Filing of Form N-600**

**Item Numbers 1. - 2. Physical Presence.** If you were born outside of the United States and are claiming U.S. citizenship, you are required to provide information on the dates when your U.S. citizen biological father or U.S. citizen biological mother resided in the United States. This information should cover all dates from your birth until the date you file your Form N-600.

If you are a child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a U.S. Government employee who is temporarily stationed abroad, you may be considered to be "residing in the United States" for the purposes of acquiring U.S. citizenship at birth.

## **Part 7. Information About Military Service of U.S. Citizen Parents (Applicable only for applications filed under the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) section 301(g).)**

**Item Numbers 1.- 4.** Please provide the relevant information on the application if either of your U.S. citizen parents served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, indicate whether the U.S. citizen parent who served was honorably discharged from service.

**Item Numbers 1. - 6** Please indicate whether you read and completed the application yourself, or whether you had an interpreter or a preparer assist you in completing the application. If you had someone else help you, please select the appropriate box to indicate that you used a preparer. In addition to selecting the appropriate box, you must also sign and date your application, and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). It is important to note that every application must contain the signature of the applicant, parent, or legal guardian (if applicable), and that a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature will not be accepted.

**Item Numbers 1. - 7.** If you required the assistance of an interpreter to read and understand the instructions and questions on the application, the interpreter must fill out this section. The interpreter must provide their name, the name and address of their business or organization (if applicable), their daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Additionally, the interpreter must sign and date the application.

**Item Numbers 1. - 8.** If someone other than the applicant completed this application, this section must contain their signature. If the same person acted as both your interpreter and preparer, they should complete both Part 9 and Part 10 of the application. If the person who completed the application is associated with a business or organization, they should also provide the name and address information for that entity.

It is important to note that anyone who assisted in completing this application must sign and date it. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature will not be accepted.

If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of this application, they may also be required to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application.

**Item Numbers 1. - 6.** If you require additional space to provide any information within the application, please use the space provided in Part 11 - Additional Information. If the space provided in Part 11 is insufficient, you may make copies of Part 11 to complete and file with your application or attach a separate sheet of paper.

For any additional sheets, please type or print your name and A-Number (if applicable) at the top of each sheet. Indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your response refers, and sign and date each sheet.

**It is recommended that you either print or save a copy of your completed application for future reference and record-keeping purposes. It is also advisable to review your copy of the completed application prior to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC.** Please note that at your appointment, USCIS will only proceed with the application process if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all the information in your application is complete, true, and correct. If you are unable to do so in good faith at that time, USCIS will require you to schedule another appointment.

**Do NOT complete** this part unless instructed to do so **AT THE INTERVIEW. Part 13. Officer's Report and Recommendation On Application for Certificate of Citizenship**

## **What Evidence Must You Submit?**

In order to avoid any delays in processing your Form N-600 application, you are required to submit all the evidence requested in the instructions. Failure to submit required evidence or supporting documents may result in the rejection or denial of your application, in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and the instructions provided.

**With a few exceptions, you are required to submit each of the listed documents for both yourself and your U.S. citizen parent through whom you are claiming U.S. citizenship at the time of filing. Please note that USCIS may require verification for any or all information provided with Form N-600.**

In addition, if you are scheduled for an interview with USCIS, you must bring in documentation if any information has been updated or has changed after filing.

**NOTE:** The following section is referring to the person who is seeking the Certificate of Citizenship and not to their parent or legal guardian who may be submitting the application on behalf of a minor child. In this section, "you" and "your" are used to address the individual applicant.

**1. Photographs.** As part of the application process, it is required to provide two passport-style color photographs of yourself that are taken within 30 days of submitting the application. The photos should have a white or off-white background, be unmounted, unretouched, and printed on thin paper with a glossy finish. The photos you submit must measure 2 by 2 inches and have a full face, frontal view with a white to off-white background. The head height must be 1 to 1 3/8 inches from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin, and the eye height must be between 1 1/8 to 1 3/8 inches from the bottom of the photo. You should not wear anything on your head unless it is required by a religious denomination you belong to. Finally, print your name and A-Number (if any) lightly on the back of each photo using a pencil or felt pen.

**2. Your Birth Certificate** You are required to submit their own birth certificate or record issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of their birth.

**3. Birth Certificate or Record of Your U.S. Citizen Parent.** It is required that you provide a birth certificate or record of your U.S. citizen parent, which must be issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth. If your U.S. citizen parent is also applying, then he or she must also provide their own birth certificate or record issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.

**4. Marriage Certificates of Your U.S. Citizen Parent.** You need to provide a marriage certificate that has been issued and certified by a civil authority in the state or country where the marriage took place.

**5. Documents Showing the Marriage Termination** (if applicable). You must submit a certified divorce decree, death certificate, or annulment document.

**6. Proof of U.S. Citizenship.** This may include documents such as a birth certificate showing birth in the United States, a Form N-550 Certificate of Naturalization, a Form N-560 Certificate of Citizenship, a Form FS-240 Report of Birth Abroad of United States Citizen, or a valid and unexpired U.S. passport.

**7. Proof of Status as U.S. National** (only required if you are claiming U.S. citizenship through a U.S. national, such as a person born in American Samoa or Swains Island).

If you were born outside of the United States or its outlying territories, you can claim U.S. citizenship if your parents met the following requirements:

**A.** Your U.S. citizen parent was physically present in the United States or one of its outlying territories continuously for one year prior to your birth; and

**B.** Your other parent was a national of a foreign country, but not a U.S. citizen.

**Note** that if you have one U.S. citizen parent and one noncitizen parent who is an alien but not a national, your U.S. citizen parent must have met the physical presence requirements before your birth in order for you to claim U.S. citizenship. **8. Proof of Legitimation** (only required if you who were born out-of-wedlock and your father is your U.S. Citizen parent).

For information regarding legitimation see the USCIS Policy Manual at [www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH.html](http://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH.html).

You must provide documentation of legitimation from the country or state in which it was performed. In addition, legitimation can also be established according to the laws of either your father's residence or your residence.

## Part 6. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

**19. Proof of Legal and Physical Custody** (only required for applicants whose U.S. citizen parents divorced and/or separated and for applicants who are adopted or legitimated). **10. Copy of Permanent Resident Card or Other Evidence of Permanent Resident Status** (only required if you are claiming U.S. citizenship after birth through a U.S. citizen parent).

**Item Numbers 11. Proof of Required Residence or Physical Presence In the United States.**

Documents that can confirm the physical presence or residence of the U.S citizen parent in the United States may include but are not limited to:

- School, employment, or military records;
- Deeds, mortgages, or leases showing residence;
- Attestations by churches, unions, or other organizations;
- U.S. Social Security quarterly reports; and
- Affidavits of third parties having knowledge of the residence and physical presence

**12 Copy of Full, Final Adoption Decree** (only required for adopted applicants).

**13 Re-adoption in the United States.** If you were re-adopted in the United States, you must provide evidence of a full and final foreign adoption, if it is recognized as valid by the appropriate authority in your current place of residence.

**14 Evidence of All Legal Name Changes.** If you have changed your legal name, you must submit documentation that proves the name change was authorized by a court. This documentation must be issued and certified by the court.

### How can you proceed if a document is not available?

If a required document is unavailable, you should provide a written explanation detailing the reasons for its unavailability and submit secondary evidence to establish eligibility. The secondary evidence must sufficiently address and overcome the unavailability of the required documents. In certain cases, USCIS may also request an original written statement from the appropriate government or legal authority to support your claim that the documents are not available.

The following types of secondary evidence may be submitted to establish eligibility.

- 1. Baptismal Certificate.** Certificate under the church seal where your baptism occurred showing your:
- 2. School Record.** An official letter from school authorities for the school attended (preferably the first school) showing your:

## If your birth parents names and addresses are shown in your school records, you may submit them as secondary evidence.

Two people who have personal knowledge of the claimed event can provide typed or printed statements sworn to (or affirmed). Affidavits should support the unavailability of both required documents and secondary evidence. You may submit an affidavit for events such as the following:

The people making these statements are not required to be U.S. citizens and may be relatives. Each affidavit must include the following information about the person making the statement: Detailed information about the event to include how they came to know about its occurrence.

## What Is the Filing Fee?

The fee for filing Form N-600 is \$1,170.

**NOTE:** If you are not a member or veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, there is a filing fee for Form N-600. The fee amount and payment instructions are included in the instructions for the form. Children of non-military applicants are also required to pay the filing fee for Form N-600.

**NOTE:** The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. DO NOT MAIL CASH. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.

### Here are the instructions to follow when you are preparing a check or money order for the Form N-600 filing fee:

1. Ensure that your check or money order is issued by a U.S. bank or financial institution and payable in U.S. currency.
2. Make your check or money order payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security." Do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."
3. If you reside outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on how to make the payment.

If your Form N-600 is rejected by USCIS due to any of the reasons mentioned above, and you provided a complete and valid mailing address, the application and any filing fees will be returned to you.

## Notice To Those Making Payment by Check.

If you choose to pay the filing fee for Form N-600 with a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT) by copying the account information on it and electronically debiting your account.

The EFT usually takes 24 hours and will appear on your regular account statement. USCIS will not return the original check but will keep a copy of it. In case USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy instead. If the check is returned as unpayable, USCIS will try to re-submit the payment to the financial institution only once. If the check is returned as unpayable again, your application will be rejected, and you will be charged a returned check fee.

## How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form N-600's filing fee is 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 National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.

If you are unable to pay the filing fee for Form N-600, you may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7(c). In order to request a fee waiver, you must complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or submit a written request, and provide evidence of your inability to pay the filing fee along with your application. You can find information about the fee waiver process on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/feewaiver](http://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver)

For the most up-to-date information on where to file the Form N-600, please visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/n-600](http://www.uscis.gov/n-600), or contact the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can contact USCIS through TTY by calling 1-800-767-1833.

Any non-U.S. citizen applicant is required to inform USCIS of their new address within 10 days of moving from their previous residence. If you need to file a change of address, you can find information on the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.

**NOTE:** You should not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because they do not process such requests. Initial Processing: After receiving your application, USCIS will verify if it is complete. Filling out the form correctly is crucial as incomplete applications may lead to rejection or denial of the application.

Requests for More Information: USCIS may ask you to provide additional information or evidence to support your application. If required, you may have to submit the original copies of the documents. Once USCIS no longer needs the original documents, they will be returned to you.

Requests for Interview: USCIS may request you to appear for an interview at one of its offices based on your application. At the time of the interview, you may be required to provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to update background and security checks and verify your identity.



**AUTHORITIES:** The collection of information and evidence requested on this Form N-600 is authorized under section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The purpose of requesting this information is to evaluate your eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**PURPOSE:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will use the information you provide to make a decision on your application for the immigration benefit. Your application may be granted or denied based on the information provided, and the decision made will be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

**DISCLOSURE:** While providing the information requested on this application is voluntary, not doing so, along with failing to provide any requested evidence, may lead to a delay in making a final decision or even a denial of your application.

**ROUTINE USES:** The information you provide on this application may be shared by DHS with other government agencies and authorized organizations at the federal, state, local, and foreign levels. DHS is authorized to share this information for routine uses in accordance with the published system of records notices associated with DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). In addition, DHS may disclose the information, if appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or to protect national security.

This application is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires agencies to display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number for information collections. Responding to this collection of information is voluntary, but failure to provide the requested information and documentation may result in a delay or denial of your application. The estimated time for completing this application is 1 hour and 35 minutes per response, which includes reviewing instructions, gathering required information and documents, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. Providing biometrics is estimated to take an additional 1 hour and 10 minutes. If you have any comments regarding this estimated burden or suggestions for reducing it, you can send them to the 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, with the OMB control number 1615-0057. Do not send your completed Form N-600 to this address.