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# Application for Naturalization Online Filing

Dialogue with the Director

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# Features & Benefits



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- A personalized overview of Form N-400 according to a customer's selected basis of eligibility
- In-line instructional and help text
- Notifications about continuous residence and physical presence issues
- Personalized evidence requirements according to selected eligibility basis and responses to certain questions
- The ability to upload evidence
- An automated review of the application for potential issues and completeness
- Payment by credit card, debit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH)
- The ability to save the draft application in the system for up to 30 days

# Basis of Eligibility



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Before you begin the Application for Naturalization (N-400), answer a few questions to see if you are eligible to apply to become a U.S. citizen through naturalization

These questions are solely intended to help you determine whether you may be eligible to submit the Application for Naturalization (N-400). This tool does not determine if you are actually eligible for citizenship. After you submit your application, USCIS will review your information and determine if you are eligible for citizenship through naturalization.

[Determine my eligibility](#)

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# Basis of Eligibility (cont.)



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How old are you?



18 or older



Under 18

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You may be eligible to apply for  
naturalization



You have been a lawful permanent resident for  
more than 5 years

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish  
good moral character and your ability to meet the English  
and civics [requirements for naturalization](#).

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# Application Overview



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## Application for Naturalization (N-400)

### Becoming a U.S. citizen through naturalization: The application process



#### Your eligibility

You will need to select your basis for eligibility after you start your application.



#### The Application for Naturalization (N-400)

The next step is to complete the application itself. Here, we will ask about your history, family, and character in order to find out whether you are eligible to become a citizen. Here is what you should know about the application:



#### Fee

If you are under 75 years old, the application fee is \$600. This includes the \$595 standard fee plus an \$05 biometrics service fee. If you are 75 years or older, there is no biometrics fee, so the application fee is \$595.



#### Filing online

Submitting your application online is the same as mailing in a completed paper form, and they both gather the same information (and cost the same).



#### Security

If you do not work on your application for more than 30 days, we will delete your data in order to prevent storing personal information indefinitely. If your data are deleted, you can restart the application at any time.

## What happens after I apply?



#### Biometrics appointment

A few weeks after you submit your application, we will contact you to schedule an appointment at an Application Support Center near you. At the appointment, we will get your fingerprints, photograph, and signature.



#### Requests for evidence

If we need more information, we will contact you by email and through a written notice in the mail to ask for other documents. This may happen before or after your interview.



#### Interview

After your biometrics appointment, we will schedule your interview at a local USCIS field office (unless you qualify for a special accommodation). At the interview, you will answer questions about your application and take the civics and English tests as required.



#### Oath of Allegiance

Once your application is approved, you will be ready to take the Oath of Allegiance! At your naturalization ceremony, you will return your Permanent Resident Card, answer questions about your activity since the interview, take the Oath of Allegiance, and get your Certificate of Naturalization.

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## Start your application

Before starting the Application for Naturalization (Form N-400), you may want to gather the documents you will need to support your application.



2 Inch by 2 Inch  
photo



Permanent  
Resident Card



Marriage  
certificate



Spouse's  
citizenship  
documents

The other documents you need will depend on the information you provide in the application (such as your personal history, family, and circumstances).



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# Application Sections



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- About You
- Your Family
- Moral Character
- Evidence
- Review & Submit



## Information about your eligibility

The basis for eligibility shown here reflects your answers to questions about your lawful permanent residency, age, and other factors. If this statement is not accurate, or you chose not to determine your eligibility, you can change your basis of eligibility here.

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years

[Change your basis of eligibility](#)

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## Your residence history is complete!

Here is a history of where you have lived in the past 5 years. If anything is incorrect or missing, you can edit or delete your entries or add a new address.

2011 2016

No address provided	09/01/2014 - 08/02/2016	<a href="#">Edit</a>
453 MAIN ST	01/01/2005 - 08/31/2014	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

[+ Add another address](#)

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# Application (cont.)

*If any part of a question applies to you or has ever applied to you, you must answer yes.*

*Your answers, whether yes or no, will not automatically cause your application to be denied.*

Have you **EVER** claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or any other way)?

- Yes  
 No

Provide an explanation.

Evidence List [My uploads](#)

Required evidence to submit your application

✕ 2" x 2" photo of you

*Upload a recent color photograph of yourself that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with your face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of your head. Your eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.*

*Make sure your whole face is visible, you are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs. Also, include an image of the back of the photograph with your name and A-Number written in pen or pencil.*

*If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use the Department of State's [photo composition tools](#).*

File requirements

Maximum file size: 6MB per file  
Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF

Drag and drop files here or  
[browse for files.](#)



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# Online Accounts



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## Individual Applicants

- Must have a USCIS online account to use online filing
- In the account, they can
  - Establish and modify their account customer profile
  - Monitor case status
  - Respond to Requests for Evidence (RFE)
  - Change their address

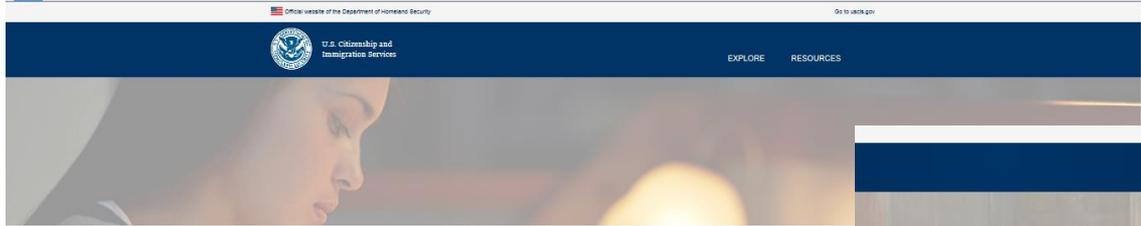
## Attorneys and Accredited Representatives

- Must file the paper Form N-400 and Form G-28
- Can create a USCIS online account to:
  - Access the paper Form N-400s and Form G-28s they submitted to USCIS
  - Upload documents and respond to RFEs of behalf of their clients
  - View the case status of their clients' N-400s

# Other Citizenship & Naturalization Tools



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## Find an English or citizenship preparation class

Naturalization is an important milestone in the path toward U.S. citizenship. The decision to apply for citizenship is a very personal one. To help you prepare, many community organizations and social service providers offer citizenship classes and assistance with the naturalization process.

### ESL CLASSES

Find an English class in your area.

### CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

Find a citizenship preparation class in your area.



## Welcome to the Civics Practice Test!

The civics practice test is a study tool to help you test your knowledge of U.S. history and government. You have the option to review the questions in English only or in English with Spanish subtitles. The actual test is in English. We have provided Spanish subtitles for those who may find it easier to learn in their native language. Use this online tool to prepare for the civics portion of the naturalization test.

This practice test contains 20 questions.

### What to expect during the real test

The actual civics test is NOT a multiple choice test. During the naturalization interview, a USCIS officer will ask you up to 10 questions from the list of 100 questions in English. You must answer correctly 6 of the 10 questions to pass the civics test.

Certain applicants, because of age and time as a permanent resident, are exempt from the English requirements for naturalization and may take the civics test in the language of their choice. For more information, see our [Exceptions and Accommodations](#) page.

### Tips for studying

On the naturalization test, some answers may change because of elections or political appointments. As you study for the test, make sure that you know the most current answers to the questions. Answer these questions with the name of the official who is serving at the time of your eligibility interview with USCIS. The USCIS officer will not accept an incorrect answer.

The instructions and content in this practice civics test are not intended to provide legal advice or guarantee that you will pass the civics test during your naturalization interview. If you have any questions, go to our website at [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship), review the citizenship resource page, or consult with a lawyer.

You can [find an organization](#) in your area that offers English as a Second Language and citizenship preparation classes.

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