
Chapter Four

Filling Out the N-400

But such is the irresistible nature of the truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing.

–Thomas Paine

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Your eligibility for citizenship is based on the accuracy and completeness of your N-400.

This chapter contains detailed instructions on how to fill out the *Application for Naturalization* (Form N-400) and prepare other materials needed to complete the application package.

OVERVIEW

Considerations

- The Application for Naturalization (N-400) is a legal document requiring truthful answers under penalty of perjury. Your eligibility for citizenship will be based on your answers to the N-400. In addition to truthfulness, consistency is also important, as the N-400 will be compared with other forms you previously filed with USCIS.
- The N-400 form is a free government document. There is no fee to receive it. It can be ordered by calling the USCIS forms line at 1-800-870-3676 or printed from the USCIS website at <http://uscis.gov>.
- The price for assistance with the N-400 should be reasonable and should not be considered a guarantee of the outcome.
- Consult an immigration attorney or BIA accredited representative if you have any confusion when completing the form. Even if you have no questions, it is still advisable to have a legal professional review your application before mailing it. See Chapter 3 for information about legal professionals who can help you with the application.
- Keep a copy of your application and any attachments for your records.

Documents and Information to Complete the Application

- green card (I-551);
- Social Security number;
- passport(s) or other travel document(s), if any;
- marriage certificate, if applying based on marriage to a citizen;
- divorce decree or other evidence of termination for any prior marriage(s);
- spouse's A-number or naturalization date, if any;
- birth dates and A-numbers for children, if any;
- previous addresses and dates of residence within the past five years;
- name, address, and dates of all employers within the past five years;
- Selective Service registration number, for qualifying males only;
- arrest record, if any, regardless of date or outcome;
- deportation/removal orders and Notice to Appear, if any.

perjury = Lying under an oath to tell the truth. *"USCIS denied me for perjury when I failed to mention my arrest record on the N-400."*

Chapter Format

The following pages combine two sets of instructions for completing the N-400, in *italicized* and un-italicized text. The un-italicized text contains USCIS' instructions. These instructions often refer to the USCIS handbook, *A Guide to Naturalization*. This handbook can be ordered by calling the USCIS forms line at 1-800-870-3676 or viewed on the USCIS website at <http://uscis.gov>. The *italicized* text which appears below the USCIS instructions contains additional important information for applicants and representatives.

General Instructions

- Print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters in each box. (You can also fill out the form on the USCIS website and print a typed copy of your completed application.)
- Use black ink.
- Write your A-number in the space provided at the top right hand corner of each page. To locate your A-number, see the sample Permanent Resident Cards in Chapter 2. The A-number has 7 to 9 numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-number on your card has less than 9 numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a total of 9 numbers. For example, write card number A1234567 as A001234567, but write card number A12345678 as A012345678.
- If a question does not apply to you, write N/A (meaning "Not Applicable") in the space provided.
- If you need extra space to answer any item:
 - attach a separate sheet of paper (or more sheets if needed);
 - write your name, your A-number, and "N-400" at the top right hand corner of the sheet;
 - write the number of each question for which you are providing additional information; and
 - date and sign each sheet.

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U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services

**N-400 Application
for Naturalization**

Print clearly or type your answers using CAPITAL letters. Failure to print clearly may delay your application. Use black ink.

Part 1. Your Name. *(The person applying for naturalization.)*

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
A

A. Your current legal name.

Family Name *(Last Name)*

 Given Name *(First Name)* Full Middle Name *(If applicable)*

B. Your name **exactly** as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card.

Family Name *(Last Name)*

 Given Name *(First Name)* Full Middle Name *(If applicable)*

C. If you have ever used other names, provide them below.

Family Name <i>(Last Name)</i>	Given Name <i>(First Name)</i>	Middle Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

D. Name change *(optional)*

Please read the Instructions before you decide whether to change your name.

- Would you like to legally change your name? Yes No
- If "Yes," print the new name you would like to use. Do not use initials or abbreviations when writing your new name.

Family Name *(Last Name)*

 Given Name *(First Name)* Full Middle Name

For USCIS Use Only

Bar Code	Date Stamp
Remarks	
Action Block	

Part 1. Your Name

A. Your current legal name - Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage or court order.

B. Your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card (if different from above) - Write your name exactly as it appears on your card, even if it is misspelled.

C. Other names you have used - If you have used any other names in your life, write them in this section. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

If you have NEVER used a different name, write "N/A" in the space for "Family Name *(Last Name)*."

D. Name change (optional) - A court can allow a change in your name when you are being naturalized. A name change does not become final until a court naturalizes you. For more information regarding a name change, see the *Guide*.

If you want a court to change your name at a naturalization oath ceremony, check "Yes" and complete this section. If you do not want to change your name, check "No" and go to Part 2.

Part 2. Information about your eligibility. (Check only one.)I am at least 18 years old **AND**

- A. I have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least five years.
- B. I have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least three years, **and** I have been married to and living with the same U.S. citizen for the last three years, **and** my spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last three years.
- C. I am applying on the basis of qualifying military service.
- D. Other (*Please explain*) _____

Part 2. Information About Your Eligibility

Check the box that shows why you are eligible to apply for naturalization. If the basis for your eligibility is not described in one of the first three boxes, check "Other" and briefly write the basis for your application on the lines provided.

A. & B. *You may file the N-400 after four years and nine months or, if eligible through marriage to a U.S. citizen, after two years and nine months.*

B. *Note that if you are applying based on marriage to a citizen, you must remain married until the Certificate of Naturalization is received. Death of the citizen spouse, even after filing the application, ends eligibility based on marriage.*

C. *If you are applying based on military service,*

- *you must have at least one year of honorable service and be a Lawful Permanent Resident at the time of the interview. You must currently be in the military or file within six months of an honorable discharge; OR*
- *you must have served in active duty during an authorized period of military conflict (includes the period on or after September 11, 2001) and either 1) be a Lawful Permanent Resident at the time of filing or 2) have enlisted or re-enlisted in the United States or a qualifying territory.*

See Chapter 2, Attachment A for more information.

D. *You may be a member of one of several groups who are eligible to apply for naturalization, such as persons who are nationals of the United States.*

Part 3. Information about you.

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
A

A. U.S. Social Security Number

B. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

C. Date You Became a Permanent Resident (mm/dd/yyyy)

D. Country of Birth

E. Country of Nationality

F. Are either of your parents U.S. citizens? (If yes, see instructions.)

Yes

No

Part 3. Information About You

A. U.S. Social Security Number - Print your U.S. Social Security number. If you do not have one, write "N/A" in the space provided.

B. Date of Birth - Always use eight numbers to show your date of birth. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write May 1, 1958 as 05/01/1958.

C. Date You Became a Permanent Resident - Write the official date when your lawful permanent residence began, as shown on your Permanent Resident Card. To help locate the date on your card, see the sample Permanent Resident Cards in the *Guide*. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write August 9, 1988 as 08/09/1988.

See Chapter 2 for a sample green card with adjustment date.

D. Country of Birth - Write the name of the country where you were born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists.

Note that your country of birth may be different than your country of nationality.

E. Country of Nationality - Write the name of the country (or countries) where you are currently a citizen or national. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists.

- If you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national.
- If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, write the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport.

F. Citizenship of Parents - Check "Yes" if either of your parents is a U.S. citizen. If you answer "Yes," you may already be a citizen. For more information, see "Frequently Asked Questions" in the *Guide*.

See Chapter 8 for more information about acquisition and derivation of citizenship through parents.

G. What is your current marital status? Single, Never Married Married Divorced Widowed

Marriage Annulled or Other (*Explain*) _____

H. Are you requesting a waiver of the English and/or U.S. History and Government requirements based on a disability or impairment and attaching a Form N-648 with your application? Yes No

I. Are you requesting an accommodation to the naturalization process because of a disability or impairment? (*See Instructions for some examples of accommodations.*) Yes No

If you answered "Yes," check the box below that applies:

I am deaf or hearing impaired and need a sign language interpreter who uses the following language: _____

I use a wheelchair.

I am blind or sight impaired.

I will need another type of accommodation. Please explain: _____

Part 3. Information About You

G. Current Marital Status - Check the marital status you have on the date you are filing this application. If you are currently not married, but had a prior marriage that was annulled or otherwise legally terminated, check "Other" and explain it.

H. Request for Disability Waiver - If you have a medical disability or impairment that you believe qualifies you for a waiver of the tests of English and/or U.S. government and history, check "Yes" and attach a properly completed Form N-648. If you ask for this waiver, it does not guarantee that you will be excused from the testing requirements. For more information about this waiver, see the *Guide*.

See Chapter 7 for a copy of the N-648 and additional information.

I. Request for Disability Accommodations - We will make every reasonable effort to help applicants with disabilities complete the naturalization process. For example, if you use a wheelchair, we will make sure that you can be fingerprinted and interviewed, and can attend a naturalization ceremony at a location that is wheelchair accessible. If you are deaf or hearing impaired and need a sign language interpreter, we will make arrangements with you to have one at your interview.

If you believe you will need us to modify or change the naturalization process for you, check the box or write in the space the kind of accommodation you need. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper. You do not need to send us a Form N-648 to request an accommodation. You only need to send a Form N-648 to request a waiver of the test of English and/or civics.

We consider requests for accommodations on a case-by-case basis. Asking for an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for citizenship.

USCIS is required by law to provide reasonable accommodations for all applicants with disabilities. See Chapter 7 for examples of accommodations you can request for a disability.

Part 4. Addresses and telephone numbers.

A. Home Address - Street Number and Name (*Do not write a P.O. Box in this space.*) Apartment Number

City	County	State	ZIP Code	Country	

B. Care of Mailing Address - Street Number and Name (*If different from home address*) Apartment Number

City	State	ZIP Code	Country	

C. Daytime Phone Number (*If any*) Evening Phone Number (*If any*) E-mail Address (*If any*)

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Part 4. Addresses and Telephone Numbers

A. Home Address - Give the address where you now live. Do NOT put post office (P.O.) box numbers here.

You must have lived in the USCIS district where you are applying for at least three months before you file the application.

B. Mailing Address - If your mailing address is the same as your home address, write "same." If your mailing address is different from your home address, write it in this part.

C. Telephone Numbers (optional) - If you give us your telephone numbers and e-mail address, we can contact you about your application more quickly. If you are hearing impaired and use a TTY telephone connection, please indicate this by writing "(TTY)" after the telephone number.

Part 5. Information for criminal records search.Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
A**NOTE:** The categories below are those required by the FBI. See Instructions for more information.**A. Gender** Male Female**B. Height** Feet Inches**C. Weight** Pounds**D. Are you Hispanic or Latino?** Yes No**E. Race (Select one or more.)** White Asian Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**F. Hair color** Black Brown Blonde Gray White Red Sandy Bald (No Hair)**G. Eye color** Brown Blue Green Hazel Gray Black Pink Maroon Other**Part 5. Information for Criminal Records Search**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will use the information in this section, together with your fingerprints, to search for criminal records. Although the results of this search may affect your eligibility, we do NOT make naturalization decisions based on your gender, race, or physical description.

For each item, check the box or boxes that best describe you. The categories are those used by the FBI. You can select one or more.

NOTE: As part of the USCIS biometric services requirement, you must be fingerprinted after you file this application. If necessary, USCIS may also take your photograph and signature.

Part 6. Information about your residence and employment.

A. Where have you lived during the last five years? Begin with where you live now and then list every place you lived for the last five years. If you need more space, use a separate sheet(s) of paper.

Street Number and Name, Apartment Number, City, State, Zip Code and Country	Dates (mm/dd/yyyy)	
	From	To
Current Home Address - Same as Part 4.A		Present

B. Where have you worked (or, if you were a student, what schools did you attend) during the last five years? Include military service. Begin with your current or latest employer and then list every place you have worked or studied for the last five years. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

Employer or School Name	Employer or School Address (Street, City and State)	Dates (mm/dd/yyyy)		Your Occupation
		From	To	

Part 6. Information About Your Residence and Employment

A. Write every address where you have lived during the last 5 years (including in other countries). Begin with where you live now. Also, write the dates you lived in these places. For example, write May 1998 to June 1999 as 05/1998 to 06/1999.

If you need separate sheets of paper to complete section A or B or any other questions on this application, be sure to follow the Instructions on page 2 of the N-400 Instructions.

B. List where you have worked (or, if you were a student, the schools you have attended) during the last 5 years. Include military service. If you worked for yourself, write "self employed." Begin with your most recent job. Also, write the dates when you worked or studied in each place.

Use old pay stubs, tax returns, or a phone book to find previous employers' addresses.

Part 7. Time outside the United States.
(Including Trips to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean Islands)

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
 A

- A. How many total days did you spend outside of the United States during the past five years? days
- B. How many trips of 24 hours or more have you taken outside of the United States during the past five years? trips
- C. List below all the trips of 24 hours or more that you have taken outside of the United States since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident. Begin with your most recent trip. If you need more space, use a separate sheet(s) of paper.

Date You Left the United States (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date You Returned to the United States (mm/dd/yyyy)	Did Trip Last Six Months or More?		Countries to Which You Traveled	Total Days Out of the United States
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

Part 7. Time Outside the United States

- A. Write the total number of days you spent outside of the United States (including on military service) during the last 5 years. Count the days of every trip that lasted 24 hours or longer.
- B. Write the number of trips you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years. Count every trip that lasted 24 hours or longer.
- C. Provide the requested information for every trip that you have taken outside the United States since you became a Lawful Permanent Resident. Begin with your most recent trip.

Check your passport for entry and exit dates. If you do not have or remember the dates, answer this question to the best of your knowledge.

This is a test of eligibility based on the requirement of continuous lawful permanent residence and physical presence. Trips outside the United States in the last five (or three) years that lasted more than six months but less than a year require a written explanation.

Be sure to list all trips you have made since becoming a lawful permanent resident. Trips of one year or more may cause you to lose eligibility for citizenship or be seen as having abandoned your residence. See Chapter 2 for more information.

Part 8. Information about your marital history.

A. How many times have you been married (including annulled marriages)? If you have **never** been married, go to Part 9.

B. If you are now married, give the following information about your spouse:

1. Spouse's Family Name (<i>Last Name</i>)	Given Name (<i>First Name</i>)	Full Middle Name (<i>If applicable</i>)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Date of Birth (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)	3. Date of Marriage (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)	4. Spouse's U.S. Social Security #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Home Address - Street Number and Name		Apartment Number
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Part 8. Information About Your Marital History

A. Write the number of times you have been married. Include any annulled marriages. If you were married to the same spouse more than one time, count each time as a separate marriage.

- *Was it a legally sanctioned marriage according to the laws and practices of your country of origin? How were you legally married?*

Give consideration to different religious authorities and the recognition of long term relationships appearing as marriage and thus given the same legal definition.

B. If you are now married, provide information about your current spouse.

- *Were you legally divorced from your previous spouse when you married again? Do you have records as evidence of divorce?*

USCIS considers a person married unless he/she receives a divorce decree. Separated people are still married. Be sure to bring all divorce decrees and marriage certificates to the interview (translated and notarized, if not in English).

- *Do you have relatives by marriage that you want to immigrate to the U.S.?*

It is especially important to claim a spouse on the N-400 if you wish to sponsor him/her to immigrate to the U.S. See Chapter 10 for information on how to sponsor a relative.

- *Have you claimed all your previous marriages on all your past USCIS applications for consistency?*

Differences between applications may be seen as deception or fraud and a lack of good moral character, causing USCIS to deny you. Inconsistencies may be corrected with additional documentation and explanation but cannot guarantee a desired outcome. Approving an application afterwards is at the discretion of USCIS.

Part 8. Information about your marital history. (Continued.)

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:

A

C. Is your spouse a U.S. citizen? Yes No

D. If your spouse is a U.S. citizen, give the following information:

1. When did your spouse become a U.S. citizen?

 At Birth Other

If "Other," give the following information:

2. Date your spouse became a U.S. citizen

3. Place your spouse became a U.S. citizen (*Please see Instructions.*)

City and State

E. If your spouse is **not** a U.S. citizen, give the following information :

1. Spouse's Country of Citizenship

2. Spouse's USCIS "A"- Number (*If applicable*)A

3. Spouse's Immigration Status

 Lawful Permanent Resident Other**Part 8. Information About Your Marital History**

C. Check the box to indicate whether your current spouse is a U.S. citizen.

D. If your spouse is a citizen through naturalization, give the date and place of naturalization. If your spouse regained U.S. citizenship, write the date and place the citizenship was regained.

E. If your spouse is not a U.S. citizen, complete this section.

If your spouse is undocumented or waiting on a USCIS decision, possible responses to "Spouse's Immigration Status" include:

- "pending application for ____" (*an application has been submitted*);
- "EWI" (*entered without inspection*);
- "unknown" (*the laws are so complicated that you cannot be certain*); or
- "none."

Note that if it appears that your spouse is in the U.S. unlawfully (without papers or out of status), USCIS may ask if you helped your spouse to enter the U.S. illegally. (See Part 10, question 22e.) You could be denied naturalization and deported for assisting someone across the border illegally. If this is a concern, see an immigration attorney or accredited representative before applying.

F. If you were married before, provide the following information about your prior spouse. If you have more than one previous marriage, use a separate sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in Questions 1-5 below.

<p>1. Prior Spouse's Family Name (Last Name)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>Given Name (First Name)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>Full Middle Name (If applicable)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<p>2. Prior Spouse's Immigration Status</p> <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lawful Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<p>3. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>4. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<p>5. How Marriage Ended</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Died <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

G. How many times has your current spouse been married (including annulled marriages)?

If your spouse has **ever** been married before, give the following information about **your spouse's** prior marriage. If your spouse has more than one previous marriage, use a separate sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in Questions 1 - 5 below.

<p>1. Prior Spouse's Family Name (Last Name)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>Given Name (First Name)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>Full Middle Name (If applicable)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<p>2. Prior Spouse's Immigration Status</p> <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Lawful Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<p>3. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>4. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<p>5. How Marriage Ended</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Died <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

Part 8. Information About Your Marital History

F. If you were married before, give information about your former spouse or spouses. In question F.2, check the box showing the immigration status your former spouse had during your marriage. If the spouse was not a U.S. citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident at that time check "Other" and explain. For question F.5, if your marriage was annulled, check "Other" and explain. If you were married to the same spouse more than one time, write about each marriage separately.

If you immigrated through marriage and you were previously married to someone else, but did not end the previous marriage through annulment or divorce, you may not have immigrated to the U.S. legally and could now be deported.

If USCIS finds that you entered a marriage only to get a green card, USCIS may deny your application and try to deport you.

G. For any prior marriages of your current spouse, follow the instructions in section F above.

NOTE: If you or your present spouse had more than one prior marriage, provide the same information from section F and section G about every additional marriage on a separate sheet.

Part 9. Information about your children.

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
A

- A. How many sons and daughters have you had? For more information on which sons and daughters you should include and how to complete this section, see the Instructions.
- B. Provide the following information about all of your sons and daughters. If you need more space, use a separate sheet(s) of paper.

Full Name of Son or Daughter	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	USCIS "A"- number (if child has one)	Country of Birth	Current Address (Street, City, State and Country)
		A		
		A		
		A		
		A		
		A		
		A		
		A		
		A		

Part 9. Information About Your Children

A. Write the total number of sons and daughters you have had. Count **all** of your children, regardless of whether they are:

- alive, missing, or dead;
- born in other countries or in the United States;
- under 18 years old or adults;
- married or unmarried;
- living with you or elsewhere;
- stepsons or stepdaughters or legally adopted; or
- born when you were not married.

B. Write information about all your sons and daughters. In the last column ("Location"), write:

- "with me" - if the son or daughter is currently living with you;
- the street address and state or country where the son or daughter lives - if the son or daughter is NOT currently living with you; or
- "missing" or "dead" if that son or daughter is missing or dead.

If you need space to list information about additional sons and daughters, attach a separate sheet of paper.

The USCIS instructions clearly indicate that all children must be declared. Inconsistencies may raise questions about truthfulness, good moral character, and the ability to immigrate children in the future. If there are discrepancies between the children that you listed on the adjustment application and those listed on the N-400, you should attach a notarized explanation and be prepared to explain the discrepancy in the interview. Do not wait for USCIS to ask first.

See Chapter 8 for information about citizenship for children.

Part 10. Additional questions.

Please answer Questions 1 through 14. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, include a written explanation with this form. Your written explanation should (1) explain why your answer was "Yes" and (2) provide any additional information that helps to explain your answer.

A. General Questions.

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen (<i>in writing or any other way</i>)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Have you ever registered to vote in any Federal, state or local election in the United States? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Have you ever voted in any Federal, state or local election in the United States? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident, have you ever failed to file a required Federal state or local tax return? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Do you owe any Federal, state or local taxes that are overdue? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6. Do you have any title of nobility in any foreign country? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7. Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or been confined to a mental institution within the last five years? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Part 10. Additional Questions

Answer each question by checking "Yes" or "No." If **any** part of a question applies to you, you must answer "Yes." For example, if you were never arrested but **were** once detained by a police officer, check "Yes" to the question "Have you ever been arrested or detained by a law enforcement officer?" and attach a written explanation.

Attach any supporting documentation to your explanation and bring copies to the interview. You may need to bring a legal representative to the interview. See Chapter 3 for information about Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, and finding a legal representative.

We will use this information to determine your eligibility for citizenship. Answer every question honestly and accurately. If you do not, we may deny your application for lack of good moral character. Answering "Yes" to one of these questions does not always cause an application to be denied. For more information on eligibility, please see the Guide.

NOTE: *If you have **any** criminal history and/or good moral character problems, be sure to consult with an attorney or BIA accredited representative before applying for naturalization.*

A. 1-3. *A false claim of citizenship is a serious legal problem. Seek legal advice if you answer "yes" to any of these questions.*

4 & 5. *This applies only if you earned enough income to file taxes. If you answer "yes," you need to file an amended tax return and pay any back taxes you owe. Also, you need to attach an explanation to the N-400 such as the following:*

I, (name), failed to file income taxes for the year 2007. However, I have filed an amended tax return and paid back taxes owed. Attached is a copy of my amended tax return and evidence of my payment.

(Signature)

6. *The Oath of Allegiance requires you to give up any title of nobility in order to become a U.S. citizen.*

Part 10. Additional questions. (Continued.)

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
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B. Affiliations.

8. a Have you **ever** been a member of or associated with any organization, association, fund foundation, party, club, society or similar group in the United States or in any other place? Yes No

b. If you answered "Yes," list the name of each group below. If you need more space, attach the names of the other group(s) on a separate sheet(s) of paper.

Name of Group	Name of Group
1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

9. Have you **ever** been a member of or in any way associated (*either directly or indirectly*) with:

- a.** The Communist Party? Yes No
- b.** Any other totalitarian party? Yes No
- c.** A terrorist organization? Yes No

10. Have you **ever** advocated (*either directly or indirectly*) the overthrow of any government by force or violence? Yes No

11. Have you **ever** persecuted (*either directly or indirectly*) any person because of race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular social group or political opinion? Yes No

12. Between March 23, 1933 and May 8, 1945, did you work for or associate in any way (*either directly or indirectly*) with:

- a.** The Nazi government of Germany? Yes No
- b.** Any government in any area (1) occupied by, (2) allied with, or (3) established with the help of the Nazi government of Germany? Yes No
- c.** Any German, Nazi, or S.S. military unit, paramilitary unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, citizen unit, police unit, government agency or office, extermination camp, concentration camp, prisoner of war camp, prison, labor camp or transit camp? Yes No

C. Continuous Residence.

Since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States:

13. Have you **ever** called yourself a "nonresident" on a Federal, state or local tax return? Yes No

14. Have you **ever** failed to file a Federal, state or local tax return because you considered yourself to be a "nonresident"? Yes No

Part 10. Additional Questions

B. 8. *Refugees and asylees in particular should include affiliations that are related to their past persecution in their native country, as these affiliations are often contained in previous USCIS applications.*

9a. *Past membership in the Communist Party is a bar to citizenship. However, there are a few exceptions to the bar, for example, if you needed to join the party in order to get a job, food, housing, or other necessities. See Chapter 2 for more information.*

C. 13 & 14. *Answering "yes" to either of these questions suggests that you either abandoned your U.S. residence or that you broke your continuous residence.*

Part 10. Additional questions. (Continued.)

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D. Good Moral Character.

For the purposes of this application, you must answer "Yes" to the following questions, if applicable, even if your records were sealed or otherwise cleared or if anyone, including a judge, law enforcement officer or attorney, told you that you no longer have a record.

- 15. Have you **ever** committed a crime or offense for which you were **not** arrested? Yes No
- 16. Have you **ever** been arrested, cited or detained by any law enforcement officer (including USCIS or former INS and military officers) for any reason? Yes No
- 17. Have you **ever** been charged with committing any crime or offense? Yes No
- 18. Have you **ever** been convicted of a crime or offense? Yes No
- 19. Have you **ever** been placed in an alternative sentencing or a rehabilitative program (for example: diversion, deferred prosecution, withheld adjudication, deferred adjudication)? Yes No
- 20. Have you **ever** received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or been paroled? Yes No
- 21. Have you **ever** been in jail or prison? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to any of Questions 15 through 21, complete the following table. If you need more space, use a separate sheet (s) of paper to give the same information.

Why were you arrested, cited, detained or charged?	Date arrested, cited, detained or charged? (mm/dd/yyyy)	Where were you arrested, cited, detained or charged? (City, State, Country)	Outcome or disposition of the arrest, citation, detention or charge (No charges filed, charges dismissed, jail, probation, etc.)

Part 10. Additional Questions

D. Good Moral Character - This section is important for determining good moral character eligibility. USCIS can take legal action against you if you answer "yes" to any of the questions. If USCIS finds that you lack good moral character, you may be denied and ineligible for five years before applying again.

For a serious crime such as an aggravated felony, you may be deportable. See Chapter 2 for more information on these questions.

When in doubt, Chapter 2 attempts to identify when a legal representative is most needed. If in doubt, it is best to seek legal advice.

Note that fingerprints submitted to the FBI will always show every arrest in the U.S. and the outcome, even if a conviction was sealed, expunged, or otherwise cleared.

D. 16. List all citations and arrests, even for traffic violations such as parking and speeding tickets. Unless a traffic incident was alcohol or drug related, you do not need to submit documentation for traffic fines and incidents that did not involve an actual arrest if the only penalty was a fine of less than \$500 and/or points on your driver's license.

Answer Questions 22 through 33. If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, attach (1) your written explanation why your answer was "Yes" and (2) any additional information or documentation that helps explain your answer.

22. Have you **ever**:
- a. Been a habitual drunkard? Yes No
 - b. Been a prostitute, or procured anyone for prostitution? Yes No
 - c. Sold or smuggled controlled substances, illegal drugs or narcotics? Yes No
 - d. Been married to more than one person at the same time? Yes No
 - e. Helped anyone enter or try to enter the United States illegally? Yes No
 - f. Gambled illegally or received income from illegal gambling? Yes No
 - g. Failed to support your dependents or to pay alimony? Yes No
23. Have you **ever** given false or misleading information to any U.S. government official while applying for any immigration benefit or to prevent deportation, exclusion or removal? Yes No
24. Have you **ever** lied to any U.S. government official to gain entry or admission into the United States? Yes No

Part 10. Additional Questions

It is very important to seek help from an immigration lawyer or BIA accredited representative if you answer "yes" to any of these questions.

D. 22a. *If there is evidence of chronic alcoholism, you may not have good moral character.*

22c. *All drug offenses are extremely serious, and selling or smuggling drugs is a deportable offense.*

22d. *You may not have good moral character if you re-married before ending a previous marriage.*

22e. *Helping someone to enter the U.S. illegally is a good moral character problem and, with few exceptions, a deportable offense. See Chapter 2 for more information.*

22g. *Some USCIS offices will require you to show evidence of child support for all children under 18 who are not living with you, even if it is not court-ordered (See Part 9. B.). Failure to pay child support could lead to a denial of the application because it shows a lack of good moral character. Evidence of child support can include cancelled checks, money order receipts, and affidavits.*

Part 10. Additional questions. (Continued.)

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E. Removal, Exclusion and Deportation Proceedings.

25. Are removal, exclusion, rescission or deportation proceedings pending against you? Yes No
26. Have you **ever** been removed, excluded or deported from the United States? Yes No
27. Have you **ever** been ordered to be removed, excluded or deported from the United States? Yes No
28. Have you **ever** applied for any kind of relief from removal, exclusion or deportation? Yes No

F. Military Service.

29. Have you **ever** served in the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
30. Have you **ever** left the United States to avoid being drafted into the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
31. Have you **ever** applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
32. Have you **ever** deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

G. Selective Service Registration.

33. Are you a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays in any status except as a lawful nonimmigrant? Yes No

If you answered "NO," go on to question 34.

If you answered "YES," provide the information below.

If you answered "YES," but you did not register with the Selective Service System and are still under 26 years of age, you must register before you apply for naturalization, so that you can complete the information below:

Date Registered (mm/dd/yyyy) Selective Service Number

If you answered "YES," but you did not register with the Selective Service and you are now 26 years old or older, attach a statement explaining why you did not register.

Part 10. Additional Questions

E. Removal, Exclusion, and Deportation Proceedings - See a lawyer or accredited representative if you answer "yes" to any of these questions. You are not eligible for citizenship if a deportation order is pending against you.

F. Military Service - If you left the U.S. to avoid the draft, deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces, or applied for certain kinds of exemptions from service, you may be barred from citizenship. Seek legal assistance.

G. Selective Service Registration - If you knew you were supposed to register for the Selective Service and failed to register, you may not have good moral character. See Chapter 6, where this is explained in detail. You may need to attach an explanation, such as the following:

I, (name), failed to register for the Selective Service because I did not know about this requirement. If I had known, I would have registered.

(Signature)

H. Oath Requirements. (See Part 14 for the Text of the Oath.)

Answer Questions 34 through 39. If you answer "No" to any of these questions, attach (1) your written explanation why the answer was "No" and (2) any additional information or documentation that helps to explain your answer.

34. Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the United States? Yes No
35. Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States? Yes No
36. Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States? Yes No
37. If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms on behalf of the United States? Yes No
38. If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
39. If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction? Yes No

Part 10. Additional Questions

H. Oath Requirements - These questions determine your understanding of and willingness to take the full Oath of Allegiance. Some people are unable to take the full oath because their religion or moral beliefs bar them from swearing allegiance or fighting in the military. See Chapter 2 for more information.

If you are requesting a modified oath for religious or moral beliefs, you need to attach a signed statement explaining what changes you need and why. If you are a member of an organized religion, you should also include a letter from the leader of your church, mosque, synagogue, or other faith institution stating your name, your membership in that religious group, what your beliefs are, and what changes are needed in the oath.

Part 11. Your signature.

Write your USCIS "A"- number here:
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I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application, and the evidence submitted with it, are all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information that the USCIS needs to determine my eligibility for naturalization.

Your Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 11. Your Signature

After reading the statement in Part 11, you must sign and date it. You should sign your full name without abbreviating it or using initials. The signature must be legible. Your application may be returned to you if it is not signed.

If you cannot sign your name in English, sign in your native language. If you are unable to write in any language, sign your name with an "X."

NOTE: A designated representative may sign this section on behalf of an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of the Oath of Allegiance because of a developmental or physical impairment (see *Guide* for more information). In such a case the designated representative should write the name of the applicant and then sign his or her own name followed by the words "Designated Representative."

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form N-400, we will deny the Form N-400 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

By signing, you indicate that the information provided and documents submitted are correct to the best of your knowledge. Knowingly providing false information is a basis for denying naturalization.

Do not sign, date, and submit the application until you meet the residency requirement of four years and nine months (or two years and nine months if you are applying based on marriage to a U.S. citizen). Otherwise, USCIS will deny your application.

If you are applying for the 50/20 or 55/15 English exemption, do not sign, date, and submit the application until you meet the age and lawful permanent residency requirements. See Chapter 2 for more information.

Part 12. Signature of person who prepared this application for you. (If applicable.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that I prepared this application at the request of the above person. The answers provided are based on information of which I have personal knowledge and/or were provided to me by the above named person in response to the *exact* questions contained on this form.

Preparer's Printed Name		Preparer's Signature	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Preparer's Firm or Organization Name (If applicable)	Preparer's Daytime Phone Number	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Preparer's Address - Street Number and Name	City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

NOTE: Do not complete Parts 13 and 14 until a USCIS Officer instructs you to do so.

Part 13. Signature at interview.

I swear (affirm) and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I know that the contents of this application for naturalization subscribed by me, including corrections numbered 1 through _____ and the evidence submitted by me numbered pages 1 through _____, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed to and sworn to (affirmed) before me

	Officer's Printed Name or Stamp	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Complete Signature of Applicant	Officer's Signature	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Part 12. Signature of Person Who Prepared This Application for You

If someone filled out this form for you, he or she must complete this section.

Many people seek assistance from unqualified persons. You should avoid paying for professional help if the person is unwilling to sign Part 12.

Part 13. Signature at Interview

Do NOT complete this part. You will be asked to complete this part at your interview.

Part 14. Oath of Allegiance.

If your application is approved, you will be scheduled for a public oath ceremony at which time you will be required to take the following oath of allegiance immediately prior to becoming a naturalized citizen. By signing, you acknowledge your willingness and ability to take this oath:

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;

that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;

that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;

that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and

that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.

Printed Name of Applicant

Complete Signature of Applicant

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Part 14. Oath of Allegiance

Do NOT complete this part. You will be asked to complete this part at your interview.

If we approve your application, you must take this Oath of Allegiance to become a 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 the *Guide*. Your signature on this form 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 application for naturalization, you must attend an oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

See Chapter 7 for more information about the oath waiver for the severely disabled. See Chapter 3 for more information about taking a modified oath for religious reasons.