

REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN THROUGH NATURALIZATION

To qualify for naturalization, you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Be a lawful permanent resident (green card holder) for five years (three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen).
3. Have made the U.S. your continuous residence for five years (three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen).
4. Have been physically present in the U.S. for at least half of the five years (three years if married to a U.S. citizen) before applying for naturalization.
5. Have lived in the USCIS district or state in which you are applying for at least three months.
6. Pass a test on speaking, reading, and writing basic English. *
7. Pass a test on U.S. history and government. **
8. Have good moral character.
9. Understand and accept the oath of allegiance to the U.S. **

* Unless eligible for an exemption based on age and long residence or a waiver based on disability.

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