

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony

Form N-445

(OMB No. 1615-0054)

A. JUSTIFICATION.

1. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires that immediately prior to commencement of an oath ceremony, each applicant for naturalization complete the questionnaire on Form N-445 (8CFR 337.2(c)).

2. The information furnished on this form refers to events that may have occurred since the applicant's initial interview and prior to the administration of the oath of allegiance. Several months may elapse between these dates and the information that is provided assists the officer in rendering an appropriate decision on the application.

3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. This form is provided to USCIS by the applicant in person at the location when the oath ceremony is conducted, therefore it is not necessary to have e-filing capability on this form.

4. A search of USCIS automated forms tracking system was accomplished and revealed no duplication. There is no similar data collected.

5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If this information is not collected and presented to the USCIS officer at the time of the ceremony, there is no mechanism for USCIS to retrieve this information and allow for an appropriate decision to be made on the applicant for administration of the oath of allegiance.
7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. On September 12, 2006, USCIS published a notice in the Federal Register at 71 FR 53703 allowing 60-days for public comments. USCIS did not receive any comments from the public.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.
12. Annual Reporting Burden:

a.	Number of Respondents	650,000
b.	Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	650,000
d.	Hours per Response	.083

e. Total Annual Reporting Burden 53,950

Annual Burden Hours

Total annual reporting burden hours is **53,950**. This number is calculated by multiplying the number of respondents (650,000) x (1) number of responses x .083 (5 minutes) per response.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this information collection are identified in Item

14. (*There are no fee charges associated with this information collection.*)

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a. Printing Cost	\$	117,000
b. Collection and Processing Cost	\$	2,158,000
c. Total Cost to Program	\$	2,275,000
d. Fee Charge	\$	0
e. Total Cost to Government	\$	2,275,000

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is \$2,275,000. This figure is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (650,000) multiplied (x) by 5 (.083) minutes (time required to collect and process information) x \$40 (suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits). In addition, it is estimated that overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing, and processing of this form will be \$117,000.

Public Cost

The estimated annual public cost is \$ 539,500. This is based on the number of respondents 650,000 x number of responses (1) x 5 minutes (.083) per response x \$10 (average hourly rate).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours previously reported for this information collection.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. USCIS will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.
18. USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Not applicable.

C. Certification and Signature.

PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with, including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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Date