

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Request for Hearing on a Decision

in Naturalization Proceedings Under Section 336

(Form N-336)

OMB No. 1615-0050

A. Justification.

1. Section 336 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) allows an applicant to request a hearing before an immigration officer if his or her application for naturalization was denied after an examination by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), under section 335 of the Act.
2. This form provides a method for applicants, whose applications for naturalization are denied, to request a new hearing by an Immigration Officer of the same or higher rank as the denying officer, within 30 days of the original decision.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case the USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. The USCIS currently displays Form N-336 on its public Web site from which the form can be printed. This form has been designated for e-filing under the Business Transformation Project.
4. A search of the USCIS forms inventory report revealed no duplication of effort and there is no other similar information currently available that can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not impact small businesses or other small entities.

6. Without Form N-336, an applicant would not be able to request a hearing before an immigration officer if his or her application for naturalization was denied after an examination by USCIS, under section 335 of the Act.
7. The special circumstances contained in item 7 of the supporting statement are not applicable to this information collection.
8. USCIS published a 60 Day Notice on March 23, 2007 at 72 FR 13812 allowing
for public comment. USCIS did not receive any comments.
9. The USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality for immigrants applying for the benefits of naturalization.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. **Annual Reporting Burden:**

a.	Number of Respondents	7,669
b.	Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	7,669
d.	Hours per Response	2.75
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours	21,090

The total annual reporting burden hours for this information collection is 21,090.

This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents 7,669 by the frequency of response (1) by the hours per response 2 hours and 45 minutes (2.75).

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. There is

a \$605 fee charge for this information collection.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a. Printing Cost	\$ 2,071
b. Collecting and Processing	\$ 4,637,674
c. Total Cost to Program	\$ 4,639,745
d. Fee Charge	\$ 4,639,745
e. Total Cost to Government	\$ 0

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (7,669) multiplied by the \$605 fee charge (which includes the suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits). In addition, this figure includes the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, and distributing the form.

Public Cost

The total annual cost burden for respondents is \$ 4,850,645. This figure is based on the total number of respondents 7,669 multiplied by 2 hours and 45 minutes (2.75) x \$10 (average hourly rate), plus the number of respondents 7,669 multiplied by the fee charge of \$605.

15. There is no increase or decrease in the estimated burden hours previously reported for this collection of information.

16. The USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.

17. The USCIS is not seeking to waive the display of the expiration date of the OMB approval for this information collection.

18. The 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.

Richard A. Sloan,
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Date