

## **SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

### **Application for Naturalization**

#### **Form N-400**

**(OMB No. 1615-0052)**

#### **A. Justification.**

1. The Form N-400 is an application the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides for the use of immigrants who apply for naturalization (8 CFR 316.4). The USCIS uses the N-400 to determine whether the applicant is eligible for U.S. citizenship.
2. USCIS uses information collected on the N-400 to determine the applicant's eligibility for naturalization.
3. At this time, this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. USCIS has designated this form for e-filing as part of the Business Transformation Project.
4. A review 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. The collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. The information collected on the Form N-400 is essential to documenting whether the applicant has met all the eligibility requirements for naturalization. If the information

collection is not conducted, USCIS would not be able to determine if an applicant's eligibility requirements for naturalization were met, nor would adjudication officers be able to conduct a meaningful adjudication interview.

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 in the Federal Register on April 20, 2007, at 72 FR 19945, requesting comment from the public. USCIS received one comment where the commenter submitted comments on the N-400 process regarding re-fingerprinting rather than on the Form N-400 information collection instrument. The commenter felt that it was not necessary to be re-fingerprinted as part of the N-400 process. USCIS responded that the fingerprinting was necessary to verify that the person submitting the application for naturalization was indeed the same person who was granted permanent resident status. Accordingly, USCIS did not change the process as a result of the comment.
9. The 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	700,000
b.	Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	700,000
d.	Hours per Response	6.13
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	4,291,000

### **Annual Reporting Burden**

The total annual reporting burden is **4,291,000**. This figure is based on the number of respondents (700,000) multiplied by x 6 hours and 8 minutes (6.13) per response. The projected hours per response for this collection of information were derived by breaking the process into three basic components:

Reviewing Naturalization Guide:	8 minutes
Completion of the Form:	2 hours
Assembling Documents:	4 hours
<i>Total Hours</i> per Response:	6 hours, 8 minutes

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in item 14. There is a \$595 fee associated with the filing of this information collection, and a biometrics fee of \$80.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a. Printing Cost	\$ 1,008,000
b. Collecting and Processing Cost	\$ 471,492,000
c. Total Cost to Program	\$ 472,500,000
d. Fee Charge	\$ 472,500,000
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 adult respondents (700,000) x \$595 (which includes the suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and managerial time with benefits, plus a percent for the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing and processing of this form); plus 700,000 x \$80 (for capturing biometric information in connection with an application for naturalization).

**Public Cost**

The estimated annual public cost is **\$515,410,000**. This is based on:

- The number of respondents (700,000) x hours of response (6.13 hours) x average hourly rate (\$10);
- The number of respondents (700,000) x the fee (\$595); and
- The number of respondents (700,000) x the biometric fee (\$80);

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours associated with the collection of this information.
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 Signatures.**

**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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