

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Request for Verification of Naturalization

(Form N-25)

OMB No. 1615-0049

A. JUSTIFICATION:

1. Section 310 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), provides authority to the courts to administer the oath of allegiance,
2. The Form N-25 is necessary to allow U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to obtain verification from the courts that a person claiming to be a naturalized citizen has, in fact, been naturalized. When no other evidence is available, the form will be used to validate a claim of being naturalized.
3. The use of this form currently provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. USCIS initiates action on this form by completing several data fields. Once completed USCIS mails to the appropriate court for verification. Since the courts are not set up to accept the form electronically the form cannot be returned to USCIS electronically.
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 have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. In the absence of other evidence, Form N-25 is the only way that one may prove that he or she has been naturalized.

7. The special circumstances contained in Item 7 of the Supporting Statement are not applicable to this information collection.

8. On November 20, 2008, USCIS published a 60-day Notice in the Federal Register at 73 FR 70361. USCIS did not receive any comments on this information collection.

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	1,000
b.	Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	1,000
d.	Hours per Response	.25
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	250

Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden is 250. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (1,000) x frequency of response (1) x hours per response 15 minutes (.25).

This estimation is based on prior USCIS experience with the program.

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 fees associated with this information collection.)

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$	90
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$	10,000
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$	10,090
d.	Fee Charge	\$	0
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$	10,090

Government Cost

The estimated cost to the Government is \$10,090. This figure is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of respondents 1,000 x 15 minutes per response (.25) (Time required to collect and process this information) x \$40 (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, which is \$90.

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the public is \$2,500. This figure is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of respondents 1,000 x 15 minutes (.25) (Time required to complete this form) x \$10 (Average hourly rate).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated 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 information collection.
17. USCIS will display the approved OMB control number for 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

Chief.

Regulatory Management Division.