

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization

Form N-470

(OMB No. 1615-0056)

A. Justification.

1. The Form N-470 is necessary to determine whether an alien, who intends to be absent from the United States for a continuous period of a year or more is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes. Applications shall be filed either before or after the applicant's employment commences but before the applicant has been absent from the United States for a continuous period of one year (8 CFR 316.5(d)).
2. The data collected on this form will be used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), to determine if the alien is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.
3. The use of this form currently 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. However, this form has been designated for e-filing under the Business Transformation Project.
4. A search of the 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. This form is used by persons wanting to leave the country for extended periods of time without jeopardizing their continuous presence requirement for naturalization. If this form were not available, certain individuals would not be able to leave the country without repercussions to their naturalization eligibility.
7. The special circumstances contained in Item 7 are not applicable to this information collection.
8. On June 2, 2009, USCIS published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register at 74 FR 26411. On September 28, 2009, USCIS published a 30-day notice in the Federal Register at 74 FR 49394. USCIS did not receive any comments for 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	375
b.	Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	375
d.	Hours per Response	.583
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	219

Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden hours is 219. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (375) x frequency of response (1) x.583 (35 minutes) per response.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burden to respondents as a result of this information collection are identified in Item 14. (There is a fee charge of \$305 associated with this information collection.)

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$	135
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$	114,240
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$	114,375
d.	Fee Charge	\$	114,375
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$	0

Government Cost

The estimated cost to the Government is estimated by multiplying the number of respondents (375) by the fee charge of \$305 (which includes the average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and managerial time with benefits, plus a percent for the estimated cost of printing, stocking, distributing and processing this form).

Public Cost

The estimated annual fee cost is \$114,375. This is based on the number of respondents (375) multiplied by \$305 fee charge.

The estimated annual burden hour cost is \$2,186. This is based on the number of respondents 375 x frequency of response (1) x .583 (35 minutes) per response x \$10 (Average hourly rate).

15. There is a decrease of 156 annual burden hours that was previously reported for this information collection. It only takes 35 minutes to complete the form not the one hour previously reported.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this information collection.
17. USCIS will display the expiration date of OMB approval 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

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