

Instructions

NOTE: Type or print clearly with black ink. Be sure this form and the complete return address are legible. Do not leave any questions unanswered. When appropriate, insert "None," "Not Applicable," or "N/A." For further assistance, contact the Military Help Line, 1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645) or visit www.uscis.gov/military.

What Is the Purpose of This Form?

This form is for current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are applying for naturalization under the Immigration and Nationality Act. Completion and certification of this form by the applicant and certifying official will serve as an authenticated certification of military service.

Failure to provide the information requested, with the exception of your U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization. Your application will not be denied for failure to provide your SSN; however, it may prove difficult to verify your military service if you do not provide it since military records are indexed by SSN.

How to File

If you are applying for naturalization under section 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, submit this form along with:

1. Form N-400, Application for Naturalization; and
2. Copy of Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

Refer to "Where to File?" of the filing instructions for Form N-400.

Authority for Collecting This Information

Our authority for collecting the information requested on this form is contained in sections 328 and 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439 and 1440).

Information solicited that indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, may be referred as a routine use to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local, or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating, enforcing, or prosecuting such violations.

All or part of the information solicited may as a matter of routine use be disclosed to courts exercising naturalization jurisdiction and to other Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies, the Department of Defense, including any component thereof, Selective Service System, Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Central Intelligence Agency, Interpol, and individuals and organizations that process the application for naturalization, or during the courses of investigations, to elicit further information required by USCIS to carry out its functions.

Failure to provide any or all of the solicited information may delay the naturalization process or result in a failure to locate military records or prove qualifying military service.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., 3rd Floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529-2210. OMB No. 1615-0053. **Do not mail your application to this address.**

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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N-426, Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service

Persons who are serving or have served under specified conditions in the Armed Forces of the United States are granted certain exemptions from the general requirements for naturalization. To establish eligibility, the law requires the department with custody of the service record to certify whether the service member served honorably, and whether each separation from the service was under honorable conditions. Certification of the service member's military service listed on this form is required. **Submit this form with Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.** If the service member was issued Form DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, attach a photocopy. For further assistance, contact the Military Help Line, 1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645) or visit www.uscis.gov/military.

For USCIS Use Only
Date Returned:
To:
Initials:
Comments:

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| Alien Registration Number A | Military Service Number | Date of Request |
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| Name Used During Active Service (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>) | U.S. Social Security Number | Date of Birth | Place of Birth (Country and City) |
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Present Address:

Phone Number(s): _____ E-Mail Address(es): _____

Military Service
List all periods of service. (Use a blank sheet if more space is needed.)

| TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT OR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL | | | | TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING OFFICIAL |
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| Branch of Service | Date Service Began | Date Service Ended | Type of Service (<i>includes all active, reserve, and National Guard Service</i>) | Applicant served honorably or is currently serving honorably? |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve* <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (give details in Remarks) |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve* <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (give details in Remarks) |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve* <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (give details in Remarks) |

*Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve members: (1) participate in at least 48 scheduled drills or training periods during each year and serve on active duty for training at least 14 days each year; or (2) participate in training at encampments, maneuvers, outdoor target practice, or other exercises at least 15 days each year. (10 U.S.C. 10143)

Where did the applicant enlist (Country, State, and City where the applicant entered service)?

Has the applicant reenlisted? Yes No Where did the applicant reenlist?

Signature of Applicant

Separation Information

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| Is the applicant separated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If separated, select discharge type: <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give details in Remarks section) |
| Was the applicant discharged on account of alienage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if "Yes," give details in Remarks section) |

Remarks

Use for continuation of any of the above items. You should also list in the space below any **derogatory information** in your records relating to the service member's character, loyalty to the United States, disciplinary actions, convictions, or other matters concerning his or her fitness for citizenship. **(Use a blank sheet if more space is needed.)**

Certification
TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING OFFICIAL

I am authorized to certify that the information given here concerning the service of the person named on this form is correct according to the records of the

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| _____ <i>Name of Department</i> | _____ Official Signature |
| _____ [SEAL, if available] (No State-issued notary Public seals accepted.) | _____ Name and Title |
| _____ Date _____, _____ | _____ Phone Number and E-Mail Address |