

Supporting Statement

Application for Certificate of Citizenship

(Form N-600)

OMB No. 1615 - 0057

A. Justification:

1. The information collected on the Form N-600 is necessary for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to make a determination that the citizenship eligibility requirements and conditions are met by the applicant. Upon approval of the application the person is declared to be a citizen of the United States and a certificate of citizenship is issued by USCIS, pursuant to section 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
2. The data collected on this form is used by USCIS to determine eligibility for the requested immigration benefit. The form serves the purpose of standardizing requests for the benefit, and will ensure that basic information required to assess eligibility is provided by applicants.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. However, USCIS has designated the Form N-600 for e-filing under the Business Transformation Project.

4. A review of the Forms Inventory Report revealed no duplication of effort, and there is no other similar information currently available which can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. Sections 322 and 341 of the INA provide for the issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship to persons who claim to have derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of a parent, the naturalization or citizenship of a spouse, or under certain provisions of the law. Form N-600 provides a crucial means of establishing the authenticity of such claims and the absence of this form would impede the processing of such claims for citizenship. The information collected on the Form N-600 is essential to documenting whether the applicant has met all of the eligibility requirements to receive a certificate of citizenship recognizing their citizenship status. The information is also collected to ensure a complete and accurate adjudication.
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 August 18, 2010, at 75 FR 51094. USCIS published a 30-day notice in the Federal Register on November 17, 2010, at 75 FR 70278. USCIS did not receive comments for this information collection.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.

- 10. USCIS will use the information and evidence requested on Form N-600 to determine the applicant’s eligibility for the requested immigration benefit. USCIS may provide the information on the application to other government agencies.
- 11. There are some questions regarding marital history of parents that are considered sensitive in nature. However, this information is necessary to make a determination on the applicant’s eligibility for citizenship.

12. **Annual Reporting Burden:**

a.	Number of Respondents	44,441
b.	Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	44,441
d.	Hours per Response	1.583
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	70,350

Annual Reporting Burden

Total annual reporting burden hours is 70,350. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (44,441) x frequency of response (1) x 1.583 hours (1 hour and 35 minutes) per response.

- 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 question 14. There are fees associated with this information collection. The fee for filing the Form N-600 is \$600.

14. **Annualized Cost Analysis:**

a.	Printing Cost	\$ 119,475
b.	Collecting and Processing	\$ 26,545,125

c.	Total Cost to Program	\$ 26,664,600
d.	Fee Charge	\$ 26,664,600
e.	Total Annual Cost to Government	\$ 0

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of respondents (44,441) x the \$600 fee charge. (The fee charges include 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).

Public Cost

The estimated annual burden cost is \$ 2,102,764. This estimate is based on the number of respondents (44,441) x (1) number of responses x 1.583 hours (1 hour and 35 minutes) per response x \$29.89 (average hourly rate).

The estimated annual fee cost is \$26,664,600.

This is based on the number of respondents 44,441 x \$600 fee charge.

15. There has been an increase of 45 burden hours previously reported for this information collection. USCIS mistakenly calculated the burden hours in the last submission to OMB. There has been no change to the information being collected.
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 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