

**TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Form N-400, Application for Naturalization**  
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**Reason for Revision:** Format of instructions has been revised to be in full page format, to provide clarification, and to be more customer friendly.

LOCATION	CURRENT VERSION	PROPOSED VERSION
Form Instructions format	Two column format	<p>Full page format.            Due to the reformatted form, some of the numbering has been modified on the instructions. Additionally, “General Instructions” include several paragraphs explaining the 2D barcode, and other general instructions.</p> <p>In many areas, the word “check” has been revised to read “select,” and the word “write” has been revised to read “print”, “provide” or “input”.</p>
<b>Page 1, Instructions</b>	<b>Read these instructions carefully to properly complete this form. If you need more space to complete an answer, use a separate sheet of paper. Write your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if any, at the top of each sheet of paper and indicate the part and number of the item to which the answer refers.</b>	Deleted
<b>Page 1, What is the Purpose of This Form?</b>	<p>Form N-400 is an application for U.S. citizenship (naturalization). For more information about the naturalization process and eligibility requirements, read <i>A Guide to Naturalization</i> (M-476). If you do not already have a copy of the <i>Guide</i>, you can get a copy from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. USCIS website (<a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>);</li> <li>2. USCIS toll-free forms line at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>; or</li> <li>3. USCIS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> (TTY: <b>1-800-767-1833</b>).</li> </ol>	<p><b>Page 1, The Purpose of Form N-400</b></p> <p>This form is an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen.</p>

<p><b>Page 1, New</b></p>		<p><b>A Guide to Naturalization</b></p> <p>To help you understand the naturalization process, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) developed A Guide to Naturalization (M-476). This publication provides information on eligibility requirements and naturalization procedures. If you do not already have a copy of M-476, you can obtain a copy from the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p> <p>You may visit the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/N-400">www.uscis.gov/N-400</a> for additional resources to assist you during the naturalization process.</p>
<p><b>Page 1. When Should I Use Form N-400?</b></p>	<p>You may apply for naturalization when you meet <b>all</b> the requirements to become a U.S. citizen. The section of the <i>Guide</i> called “Who is Eligible for Naturalization” and the Eligibility worksheet found in the back of the <i>Guide</i> are tools to help you determine whether you are eligible to apply for naturalization. You should complete the worksheet before filling out Form N-400.</p> <p>If you are applying based on five years as a lawful permanent resident or based on three years as a lawful permanent resident married to a U.S. citizen, you may apply for naturalization up to 90 days before you meet the “continuous residence” requirement. You must meet all other requirements at the time that you file your application with USCIS.</p> <p>Certain applicants have different English and civics testing requirements based on their age and length of lawful permanent residence <b>at the time of filing</b>. If you are over 50 years of age and have lived in the United States as a lawful permanent resident for periods totaling at least 20 years, or if you are over 55 years of age and have lived in the United States as a lawful permanent resident for periods totaling at least 15 years, you do not have to take the English test, but you do have to take the civics test in the language of your choice.</p>	<p>Deleted</p>

	<p>If you are over 65 years of age and have lived in the United States as a lawful permanent resident for periods totaling at least 20 years, you do not have to take the English test, but you do have to take a simpler version of the civics test in the language of your choice.</p>	
<p><b>Page 1, Who May File This Form?</b></p>	<p>To use this form you must be <b>ONE</b> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A lawful permanent resident for at least five years and at least 18 years old;</li> <li>2. A lawful permanent resident for at least three years and at least 18 years old;</li> </ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>You have been married to and living with the same U.S. citizen for the last three years;</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last three years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. A member of one of several other groups eligible to apply for naturalization (for example, persons who are nationals but not citizens of the United States) and at least 18 years old. For more information about these groups, see the <i>Guide</i>.</li> <li>4. A person who has served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces;</li> </ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>If you are at least 18 years old, a lawful permanent resident with at least one year of U.S. Armed Forces service, and you are filing your application for naturalization while still in the service or within six months after the termination of such service;</p> <p><b>AND</b></p>	<p><b>Page 1, General Eligibility Requirements</b></p> <p>You may apply for naturalization when you meet <b>all</b> the requirements to become a U.S. citizen. General eligibility requirements are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You are at least <b>18 years of age</b> at the time of filing (except active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces);</li> <li>2. You have been a permanent resident of the United States for a required period of time;</li> <li>3. You have lived within the state or USCIS district where you claim residence for at least <b>3 months</b> prior to filing;</li> <li>4. You have demonstrated physical presence within the United States for a required period of time;</li> <li>5. You have demonstrated continuous residence for a required period of time;</li> <li>6. You demonstrate good moral character.;;</li> <li>7. You demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution;</li> <li>8. You demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (also known as “civics”) as well as an ability to read, write, speak and understand basic English; <b>and</b></li> <li>9. You take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States. Some applicants may be eligible for a modified oath.</li> </ol>

	<p>You served honorably as a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve or on active-duty status during a designated period of hostilities. You then may apply for naturalization without having been physically present in the United State for any specified period.</p> <p>For more information, go to the USCIS website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p> <p>NOTE: If you are married to a U.S. citizen who is employed or deployed abroad, in some circumstances you may be eligible for expedited naturalization under section 319(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). For further assistance, see the <i>Guide</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Page 1, New</b></p>		<p><b>Page 1, Naturalization Testing</b></p> <p>One of the requirements for naturalization is to take the naturalization test to demonstrate that you are able to read, write, and speak basic English and that you have a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (civics).</p> <p><b><u>Exemptions From the English Language Test</u></b></p> <p>You are not required to take the English language test if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. At the time of filing Form N-400, you are 50 years of age or older <b>and</b> have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least 20 years. You <b>do not</b> have to take the English language test, but you <b>do</b> have to take the civics test in the language of your choice.</b></li> <li><b>2. At the time of filing Form N-400, you are 55 years of age or older <b>and</b> have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least 15 years. You <b>do not</b> have to take the English language test, but you <b>do</b> have to take the civics test in the language of your choice.</b></li> <li><b>3. At the time of filing Form N-400, you are</b></li> </ol>

		<p><b>65</b> years of age or older <b>and</b> have lived in the United States as a permanent resident for periods totaling at least <b>20</b> years. You <b>do not</b> have to take the English language test, but you <b>do</b> have to take a <b>simplified version</b> of the civics test in the language of your choice.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you qualify for an exemption from the English language test based on your age and how long you have lived in the U.S. as a permanent resident, answer “Yes” in <b>Part 2, Item Number 12</b> of Form N-400.</p> <p><b><u>Medical Exception to the English Language and/or Civics Test</u></b></p> <p>You may be eligible for an exception to the English language and/or civics tests due to a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that has lasted, or is expected to last 12 months or more. Refer to Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, for more information.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are requesting a medical exception to the English language and civics tests, answer “Yes” in <b>Part 2., Item Number 11.</b> of Form N-400. Submit a completed Form N-648 when you file your Form N-400.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, New</b></p>		<p><b>Page 2, Members of the U.S. Armed Forces</b></p> <p>Refer to Naturalization Information for Military Personnel (M-599) for eligibility requirements. You can obtain this information on the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>. Contact the Military Help Line at <b>1-877-247-4645</b> if you are transferred to a new duty station (including a deployment overseas or to a vessel) after you file your Form N-400.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, Who May Not File This Form?</b></p>	<p><b>Who May Not File This Form?</b></p> <p>In certain cases, a person who was born outside of the United States to U.S. citizen parents is already a citizen and does not need to apply for naturalization. The find out more information about this type of citizenship and whether you</p>	<p><b>Page 2, Who Should <u>Not</u> File Form N-400</b></p> <p><b>You should not file this form if:</b></p> <p><b>1. You have not met the eligibility requirements for naturalization based on your filing category.</b></p>

	<p>should file Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, read the <i>Guide</i>.</p> <p>Other permanent residents under 18 years of age may be eligible for U.S. citizenship if their U.S. citizen parent or parents file Form N-600 application on their behalf. For more information, see “Frequently Asked Questions” in the <i>Guide</i>.</p>	<p><b>2. You have acquired or derived U.S. citizenship through one or both of your parents.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If your mother or father was a U.S. citizen when you were born, or became a U.S. citizen before you turned 18 years of age, you may have automatically acquired U.S. citizenship. Please refer to Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, for information on obtaining a Certificate of Citizenship. For further information on this topic, please go to the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, General Instructions, Step 1. Fill Out Form N-400</b></p>	<p><b>Step 1. Fill Out Form N-400</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type or print legibly in black ink.</li> <li>2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, indicate the item number, and date and sign each sheet</li> <li>3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. State that an item is not applicable with “N/A.” If the answer is note, write “None.”</li> <li>4. <b>Write your USCIS (or former INS) A-number on the top right hand corner of each page.</b> Use you’re a-number on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or “Green” Card). To locate you’re a-number, see the sample Permanent Resident Cards in the <i>Guide</i>. The A-number on your card consists of seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a <i>total of nine numbers</i> on the application. For example, write card number A1234567 as A001234567, but write card number A12345678 as A012345678.</li> <li>5. Answer all questions fully and accurately.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Page 2, General Instructions</b></p> <p><b>How To Fill Out Form N-400</b></p> <p><b>1. Type or print clearly using black ink. Keep all information within the area provided.</b></p> <p>If extra space is needed to answer any question, attach an additional sheet(s) of paper. You must provide the following information on the top of each <b>additional</b> sheet of paper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A. Your Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if applicable;</b></li> <li><b>B. The date;</b></li> <li><b>C. Item number; and</b></li> <li><b>D. Your signature.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>2. Answer all questions.</b> Type or print “N/A” if an item is not applicable or if the answer is “none” unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p><b>3. Avoid highlighting, crossing out, or writing outside the area provided for a response.</b></p> <p>If you must make substantial corrections to your Form N-400, USCIS recommends that you start a new Form N-400 rather than using correction tape or fluid to white out information. USCIS scanners may see through the white correction tape or fluid. This may lead to incorrect information being captured in USCIS systems, which may cause processing delays or a rejection (not acceptance) of your Form N-400.</p>

**4. Ensure that you are using the correct version of the Form N-400. The correct version is available on the USCIS Web site at [www.uscis.gov/n-400](http://www.uscis.gov/n-400).**

USCIS provides forms in PDF format free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which can be downloaded for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

**5. Provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page (if applicable). Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or “Green” Card). The A-Number on your card consists of seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine numbers on Form N-400. For example, write number A1234567 as A001234567 or write number A12345678 as A012345678.**

**6. Each application must be properly completed and signed. Photocopies of the application are acceptable as long as the application bears a handwritten signature. A stamp, typewritten name, or similar production in place of a signature is not acceptable. A photocopy of a signed application or a typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.**

**7. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee.**

**2D Barcode Technology.** If you are completing this form on a computer, the data you enter will be captured using 2D barcode technology. This capture will ensure that the data you provide is accurately entered into USCIS systems. As you complete each data field, the 2D barcode line at the bottom of each page will shift as data is captured. Upon receipt of your form, USCIS will use decoding equipment to extract the data from the form. Please **do not damage the 2D**

**barcode** (e.g., puncture, staple, spill on, write on, etc.) as this could affect the ability of USCIS to timely process your form.

**Early Filing.** An applicant filing under the general naturalization provision (section 316(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)) may file his or her application up to 90 days before he or she would first meet the required 5-year period of continuous residence as a lawful permanent resident (LPR). An applicant filing as the spouse of a United States citizen under section 319(a) of the INA may file up to 90 days before meeting the required 3-year period of continuous residence as an LPR. Although an applicant may file early according to the 90 day early filing provision, the applicant is not eligible for naturalization until he or she has reached the required 3 or 5-year period of continuous residence as an LPR. Importantly, applicants filing up to 90 days before meeting the continuous residence requirement must still meet all other requirements for naturalization at the time of filing the Form N-400. For example, an applicant filing under section 319(a) of the INA must meet all other requirements as the spouse of a U.S. citizen at the time of filing.

**Evidence.** You must submit all required initial evidence along with all the supporting documentation with your application at the time of filing.

**Biometrics Services Appointment.** After receiving your application and ensuring completeness, USCIS will inform you in writing when to go to your local USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) for your biometrics services appointment. Failure to attend the biometrics services appointment may result in denial of your application.

**Copies.** Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application, a legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required may remain a part of the record, and will not be automatically returned to you.



		<p><b>Translations.</b> Any document containing foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation which the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator’s certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, General Instructions, Step-by-Step Instructions</b></p>	<p>This form is divided into 14 parts. The information below will help you fill out the form. ...</p> <p><b>Part 2. Information About Your Eligibility</b></p> <p>Check the box that shows why you are eligible to apply for naturalization. If the basis for your eligibility is not described in one of the first three boxes, check “Other” and briefly write the basis for your application on the line provided.</p>	<p><b>Page 4, Specific Instructions</b></p> <p><b>This form is divided into 17 parts.</b></p> <p><b>Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility</b></p> <p>Check the box that applies to you.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Check only one box. If you check more than one box then your Form N-400 may be delayed.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, General Instructions, Step-By-Step Instructions</b></p>	<p><b>Part 1. Your Name (the person applying for naturalization)</b></p> <p><b>A. Your current legal name - .</b> Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage or court order.</p> <p><b>B. Your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card (if different from above) - .</b> Write your name exactly as it appears on your card, even if it is misspelled.</p> <p><b>C. Other names you have used –</b> If you have used any other names, write them in this section. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.</p> <p>If you have <b>never</b> used a different name, write “N/A” in the space for “Family Name (<i>Last Name</i>).”</p> <p><b>D. Name change (optional).</b> A court can allow a change in your name when you are being naturalized. A name</p>	<p><b>Page 4, Part 2. Information About You (Person applying for naturalization)</b></p> <p><b>1. Current legal name.</b> Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage or court order. <b>Do not provide a nickname.</b></p> <p><b>2. Your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card (if applicable).</b> Write your name exactly as it appears on your <b>Permanent Resident Card</b> even if it is misspelled. Write “N/A” if you do not have a <b>Permanent Resident Card</b>.</p> <p><b>3. Other names you have used since birth (include nicknames and maiden names).</b> If you have used any other names, provide them in this section. If you need more space, use an additional sheet(s) of paper.</p> <p>If you have <b>never</b> used a different name, write “N/A” in the space for “Family name (<i>last name</i>).”</p>

change does not become final until a court naturalizes you. For more information regarding a name change, see the *Guide*.

If you want a court to change your name at a naturalization oath ceremony, check “Yes” and complete this section. If you do not want to change your name, check “No” and go to Part 2.

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### Part 3. Information About You

**A. U.S. Social Security Number** – Print your U.S. Social Security Number. If you do not have one, write “N/A” in the space provided.

**B. Date of birth** – Always use eight numbers to show your date of birth. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write May 1, 1958, as 05/01/1958.

**C. Date you became a permanent resident** – Write the official date you your lawful permanent residence began, as shown on your Permanent Resident Card. To help locate the date on your card, see the sample Permanent Resident Cards in the *Guide*. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write August 9, 1988, as 08/09/1988.

**D. Country of birth** - Write the name of the country where you were born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists.

**E. Country of Nationality** – Write the name of the country(ies) where you are currently a citizen or national.

1. If you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last citizen or national.

2. If you are a citizen or nation of more than one country, write the name of the

**4. Name change (optional).** A court can allow you to change your name when you are naturalized. A name change **requested on this form does not become final until you are naturalized.** If you want the court to change your name at a naturalization oath ceremony, check “Yes” and complete this section. **You do not need to request a name change if you legally changed your name because of a marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse.**

**NOTE:** USCIS cannot process requests for name changes from members of the military, or their spouses, who are naturalizing overseas.

**5. U.S. Social Security Number.** Provide your U.S. Social Security Number. Write “N/A” if you do not have one.

**6. Date of birth.** Always use eight numbers to show your date of birth. Write the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write May 1, 1958, as 05/01/1958. **USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you do not provide your date of birth.**

**7. Date you became a Permanent Resident.** Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card. Provide the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, write August 9, 1988, as 08/09/1988. **USCIS may reject your application if you do not provide the date you became a permanent resident.**

**NOTE:** You need both your USCIS A-Number and your permanent resident date to file Form N-400. If you do not have this information, you should schedule an InfoPass appointment **before** you file your Form N-400, to obtain the information.

**8. Country of birth.** Write the name of the country where you were born. Write the name of the country even if it no longer exists.

**9. Country of citizenship or nationality.** Write the name of the **country** where you are currently a citizen or national.

foreign country that issued your last passport.

**F. Citizenship of parents** – Check “Yes” if either of your birth parents is a U.S. citizen and answer the questions afterward. If your mother or father is a U.S. citizen you may already be a U.S. citizen and therefore not eligible for naturalization. Refer to Form N-600 or N-600K for further information.

**G. Current marital status** - Check the marital status you have on the date you are filing this application. If you are currently not married, but had a prior marriage that was annulled or otherwise legally terminated, check “Other” and explain it.

**H. Request for disability waiver** - . If you have a medical disability or impairment that you believe qualifies you for a waiver of the tests of English and/or U.S. Government and history, check “Yes” and attach a properly completed Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions. If you ask for this waiver, it does not guarantee that you will be excused from the testing requirements. For more information about this waiver, see the *Guide*.

**I. Request for disability accommodations** – We will make every reasonable effort to help applicants with disabilities complete the naturalization process. For example, if you use a wheelchair, we will make sure that you can be fingerprinted and interviewed, and can attend a naturalization ceremony at a location that is wheelchair accessible. If you are deaf or hearing impaired and need a sign language interpreter, we will make arrangements with you to have one at your interview.

If you believe you will need us to modify or change the naturalization process for you, check the box or write in the space

**A.** If you are stateless, write the name of the country where you were last a citizen or national.

**B.** If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, write the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport.

**10. Request for disability and/or impairment accommodation(s).** USCIS is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities and impairments that will help them fully participate in USCIS programs and benefits.

Reasonable accommodations vary with each disability or impairment. They may involve modifications to practices or procedures. There are various types of reasonable accommodations that may be offered. Examples include:

**A.** If you are unable to use your hands, you may be permitted to take the test orally rather than in writing;

**B.** If you are deaf or hearing impaired, you may be provided with a sign language interpreter at an interview or other application-related appointment; or

**C.** For those unable to travel to a designated USCIS location for an interview, a USCIS Officer may travel to your home or to a hospital.

If you believe that you need USCIS to accommodate your disability and/or impairment, check the “Yes” box and then check any applicable box that describes the nature of your disability(ies) and/or impairment(s). Also, write the type(s) of accommodation(s) you are requesting on the line(s) provided. If you are deaf or hearing impaired and are requesting a sign language interpreter, indicate which language in **Part 2, Item Number 10**. If you require more space to provide additional information, please provide the information on an additional sheet(s) of paper.

**NOTE:** All domestic USCIS facilities meet the Accessibility Guidelines of the Americans with

the kind of accommodation you need if you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper. You do not need to send us Form N-648 to request an accommodation. You only need to send Form N-648 to request a waiver of the test of English and/or civics.

We consider requests for accommodations on a case-by-case basis. Asking for an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for citizenship.

#### **Part 4. Information About Contacting You**

**A. Home address** – Give the address where you now live. Do **not** put post office (P.O.) box numbers here.

**B. Mailing address** – If your mailing address is the same as your home address, write “Same.” If your mailing address is different from your home address, write it in this part.

**C. Telephone numbers** – By giving us your telephone numbers and email address, we can contact you about your application more quickly. If you are hearing impaired and use a TTY telephone connection, please indicate this by writing (TTY) after the telephone number.

Disabilities Act, so you do not need to contact USCIS to request an accommodation for physical access to a domestic USCIS office. However, on **Part 2, Item Number 10** of the form, you can indicate whether you use a wheelchair. This will allow USCIS to better prepare for your visit and have a wheelchair accessible interview room available for you once you enter the facility.

USCIS considers requests for reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis and will use its best efforts to reasonably accommodate all applicants with disabilities or impairments. Qualified individuals will not be excluded from the participation in, or be denied the benefits of, USCIS’s programs solely on the basis of their disability(ies) or impairment(s). Requesting and/or receiving an accommodation will not affect your eligibility for a USCIS benefit.

**11. Request for Medical Exception to English Language and Civics Tests.** Check “Yes” if you are requesting an exception to the English language and/or civic tests based on a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that prevents you from complying with the English language and/or civics requirements for naturalization. **Submit Form N-648 as an attachment to your Form N-400.**

**NOTE:** Submitting a Form N-648 does not guarantee you will be exempted from the testing requirements.

**12. Exemptions from the English Language Test.** Depending on your age and the length of time you have been a permanent resident, you may not be required to take the English language test. Refer to the section in these instructions entitled “Naturalization Testing, Exemptions From English Language Test” for more information.

#### **Part 3. Information to Contact You**

Provide your current telephone numbers as well as your current e-mail address. Type or print “N/A” if an item is not applicable or if the

		<p>answer is “none” unless otherwise indicated. If you are hearing impaired and use a TTY telephone connection, indicate this by writing “TTY” after the telephone number.</p>
<p><b>Page 3, Part 6. Information About Your Residence and Employment</b></p>	<p><b>Part 6. Information About Your Residence and Employment</b></p> <p>A. Write every address where you have lived during the last five years (including other countries).</p> <p>Begin with where you live now. Include the dates you lived in those places. For example, write May 1998 to June 1999 as 05/1998 to 06/1999.</p> <p>If you need separate sheets of paper to complete section A or B or any other questions on this application, be sure to follow the instructions under “<b>Step 1. Fill Out Form N-400</b>” on <b>Part 2</b>.</p> <p><b>B.</b> List where you have worked (or if you were a student, the schools you have attended: during the last five years. Include military service. If you worked for yourself, write “Self employed.” Begin with your most recent job. Also, write the dates when you worked or studied in each place.</p> <p>If you need separate sheets of paper to complete section A or B or any other questions on this application, be sure to follow the instructions under “<b>Step 1. Fill Out Form N-400</b>” on <b>Page 2</b>.</p>	<p><b>Page 5, Part 4. Information About Your Residence</b></p> <p>List every address where you have lived during the last 5 years (including other countries) <b>prior to filing Form N-400</b>. Begin with where you now <b>live</b>. Include the dates you lived in those places. For example, write May 1, 1998 to June 1, 1999 as 05/01/1998 to 06/01/1999.</p> <p>If you received benefits under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), you may provide your safe address.</p> <p>Do <b>not</b> provide a Post Office (PO) Box number here unless that is your <b>ONLY</b> address.</p> <p>If you do not have a State or Province, enter the name of your city again in that box. If you do not have a ZIP or Postal Code, enter “00000” in the ZIP or Postal Code box.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are filing under INA section 319(b) and you want USCIS to collect your biometrics in the United States, then you must provide an address in the United States. USCIS will send a letter to your mailing address in the United States notifying you when and where to go for biometrics services.</p> <p><b>A. Mailing address.</b> Provide your mailing address if it is different from your current address. Provide “<i>In Care Of</i>”(C/O) name information, if applicable.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address. If USCIS rejects your Form N-400, USCIS may not be able to return the fee for the Form N-400 to you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address. If USCIS cannot return the fee, USCIS will cash your check.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Follow the directions under “<b>General</b></p>

		<b>Instructions”</b> if you need an additional sheet(s) of paper to complete Part 4.
<b>Page 6, New</b>		<p><b>Page 6, Part 5. Information About Your Parents</b></p> <p><b>Citizenship of parents.</b> Complete <b>Part 5.</b> questions if one or both of your biological or legally adoptive parent(s) is a U.S. citizen.</p> <p>Check “No” if your mother and father are not U.S. citizens.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If your mother or father is a U.S. citizen, you may already be a U.S. citizen. Refer to Form N-600 Instructions or visit the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> for further information on this topic before you consider filing Form N-400.</p>
<b>Page 3, Part 5. Information for Criminal Records Search</b>	<p>The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will use the information in this section, together with your fingerprints, to search for criminal records. Although the results of this search may affect your eligibility, we do <b>not</b> make naturalization decisions based on your gender, race, or physical description.</p> <p>For each item, check the box or boxes that best describes you. The categories are those used by the FBI. You can select one or more.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> As part of the USCIS biometrics service requirement, you must be fingerprinted after you file this application. If necessary, USCIS may also take your photograph and signature.</p>	<p><b>Page 6, Part 6. Information for Criminal Records Check</b></p> <p>For each item, check the box or boxes that best describes <u>your natural features without enhancement or modification.</u> <u>NOTE: This may not be the current state of your appearance. USCIS is aware that the appearance of an individual may be changed.</u> <u>you.—</u></p> <p>You <b>must</b> follow the American system of measurement when you provide your height. For example, write 5 feet, 9 inches as 05 for feet and 09 for inches. <b>Do not write your height in meters or centimeters.</b> If you do so your Form N-400 may be delayed.</p> <p>This information will be used to conduct background checks. Although the results of the background checks may affect your eligibility, USCIS <b>does not</b> make decisions on naturalization applications based upon gender, race, or physical description.</p>
<b>Page 3,</b>	A. Write every address where you	<b>Page 6,</b>



<p><b>Part 6., Information About Your Residence and Employment</b></p>	<p>have lived during the last five years (including in other countries).</p> <p>B. List where you have worked (or, if you were a student, the schools you have attended) during the last five years. Include military service. If you worked for yourself, write “Self employed.” Begin with your most recent job. Also, write the dates when you worked or studied in each place.</p> <p>If you need separate sheets of paper to complete section A or B or any other questions on this application, be sure to follow the instructions under “<b>Step 1. Fill Out Form N-400</b>” on Page 2.</p>	<p><b>Part 7. Information About Your Employment and Schools You Attended</b></p> <p>List where you have worked or attended school full time or part time <b>during the last 5 years</b>. Provide information for the complete time period. Include military service.</p> <p>Begin by providing information about your <u>current and</u> most recent, <del>or current,</del> employment, studies, or unemployment, if applicable. Provide the locations and dates where you worked, were self-employed, were unemployed, or have studied during the last 5 years. If you worked for yourself, write “self-employed.” If you were unemployed, write “unemployed.”</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Follow the directions under “<b>General Instructions</b>” if you need an additional sheet(s) of paper to complete Item Numbers <b>1. – 3. in Part 7.</b></p>
<p><b>Page 3, Part 7. Time Outside the United States</b></p>	<p><b>Part 7. Time Outside the United States</b> <i>(including trips to Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean)</i></p> <p>A. Write the total number of days you spent outside of the United States (including military service) during the last five years. Count the days of every trip that lasted 24 hours or longer.</p> <p>B. Write the number of trips you have taken outside the United States during the last five years. Count every trip that lasted 24 hours or longer.</p> <p>C. Provide the requested information for every trip that you have taken outside the United States since you became a lawful permanent resident. Begin with your most recent trip.</p>	<p><b>Page 6, Part 8. Time Outside the United States</b></p> <p>1. Provide the <b>total</b> number of days (24 hours or longer) you spent outside the United States <b>during the last 5 years</b></p> <p>2. Provide the <b>total</b> number of trips (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States <b>during the last 5 years.</b></p> <p>3. Provide information for <b>every</b> trip (<b>24 hours or longer</b>) you have taken outside the United States <b>during the last 5 years.</b> Begin with your most recent trip.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, Step-By-Step Instructions</b></p>	<p><b>Part 8. Information About Your Marital History</b></p> <p>A. Write the number of times you have been married. Include any annulled marriages. If you were married to the same spouse more than one time, count each time as a separate marriage.</p>	<p><b>Page 7, Part 9. Information About Your Marital History</b></p> <p>1. Check the marital status you have on the date you file Form N-400.</p> <p><b>2. If you are married, indicate if your spouse is a current member of the U.S. Armed Forces.</b></p>

**B.** If you are now married, provide information about your current spouse.

**C.** Check the box to indicate whether your current spouse is a U.S. citizen.

**D.** If your spouse is a citizen through naturalization, give the date and place of naturalization. If your spouse regained U.S. citizenship, write the date and place the citizenship was regained.

**E.** If your spouse is not a U.S. citizen, complete this section.

**F.** If you were married before, give information about your former spouse or spouses. In question F.2, check the box showing the immigration status your former spouse had during your marriage. If the spouse was not a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident at that time, check “Other” and explain. For question F.5, if your marriage was annulled, check “Other” and explain. If you were married to the same spouse more than one time, write about each marriage separately.

**G.** For any prior marriages of your current spouse, follow the instructions in section F above.

**NOTE:** If you or your present spouse had more than one prior marriage, provide the same information required by section F and section G about every additional marriage on a separate sheet of paper.

**3.** Write the number of times you have been married. Include any annulled marriages. If you were married to the same spouse more than one time, count each time as a separate marriage.

**4.** If you are now married, provide information about your current spouse.

**5.** Check the box to indicate whether your current spouse is a U.S. citizen.

**6.** If your current spouse is a U.S. citizen through naturalization, check the box that indicates when your spouse became a U.S. citizen and provide the date of **his or her** naturalization.

**7.** Provide the requested information if your spouse is not a U.S. citizen.

**8.** **If your spouse was married before, provide information about your spouse’s prior marriages. If your current spouse has had more than one previous marriage, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide the information requested in Items A. - H. If your spouse was married to the same person more than one time, provide the requested information about each marriage separately.**

**9.** If you were married before, provide information about your prior spouse or spouses. If you were married to the same person more than one time, provide the requested information about each marriage separately.

**NOTE:** If you have more than one previous marriage, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide information requested in **Items A. - H.**

**A.** Provide your prior spouse’s full name.

**B.** Provide your prior spouse’s immigration status he or she had during your marriage. Check “Other” and explain if your spouse was not a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident during your marriage.

**C.** Provide your prior spouse’s date of birth.



		<p><b>D.</b> Provide your prior spouse’s country of birth.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Provide your prior spouse’s country of citizenship or nationality.</p> <p><b>F.</b> Provide the date you entered into marriage with your prior spouse.</p> <p><b>G.</b> Provide the date your marriage ended with your prior spouse.</p> <p><b>H.</b> Check the box that indicates how your marriage ended. Check “Other” if your marriage was otherwise legally terminated and explain.</p>
<p><b>Page 4, Step-By-Step Instructions</b></p>	<p><b>Part 9. Information About Your Children</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Write the total number of sons and daughters you have had. Count <b>all</b> of your children, regardless of whether they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alive, missing, or dead;</li> <li>2. Born in other countries or in the United States;</li> <li>3. Under 18 years old or adults;</li> <li>4. Married or unmarried;</li> <li>5. Living with you or elsewhere;</li> <li>6. Stepsons or stepdaughters or legally adopted; <b>or</b></li> <li>7. Born when you were not married.</li> </ol> <p><b>B.</b> Write information about all your sons and daughters. In the last column (Location), write:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “With me”</li> <li>2. The street address and state or country where the son or daughter lives- if the son or daughter is <b>not</b> currently living with you; or</li> </ol>	<p><b>Page 7,</b> <b>Part 10. Information About Your Children</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> Indicate your <b>total</b> number of children. Count <b>all</b> your children, regardless of whether they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> Alive, missing, deceased;</li> <li><b>B.</b> Born in other countries or in the United States;</li> <li><b>C.</b> Under 18 years of age or <b>older</b>;</li> <li><b>D.</b> Married or unmarried;</li> <li><b>E.</b> Living with you or elsewhere;</li> <li><b>F.</b> Current stepchildren;</li> <li><b>G.</b> Legally adopted children; <b>or</b></li> <li><b>H.</b> Children born when you were not married.</li> </ol> <p><b>2.</b> Provide information about <b>all</b> of your children listed in <b>Item Number 1.</b>, regardless of age. Attach an additional sheet(s) of paper to list additional children.</p> <p><b>A.1.</b> Provide your child’s current legal name.</p> <p><b>A.2.</b> Provide your child’s A-Number (if applicable).</p> <p><b>A.3.</b> Provide your child’s date of birth.</p>

	<p><b>3.</b> “Missing” or “Dead” – if that son or daughter is missing or dead.</p> <p>If you need space to list information about additional sons and daughters, attach a separate sheet of paper.</p>	<p><b>A.4.</b> Provide your child’s country of birth. Type or print the name of the country, even if it no longer exists.</p> <p><b>A.5.</b> Provide your child’s <b>current address</b>.</p> <p><b>(1)</b> If your son or daughter is <b>living</b> with you, write “Child Residing With Me” in the space provided for the child’s address;</p> <p><b>(2)</b> If your son or daughter is not <b>living</b> with you, write <b>the address</b> where your child resides; <b>or</b></p> <p><b>(3)</b> If your son or daughter is missing or deceased, write “Child Missing” or “Child Deceased” in the space provided for the address.</p> <p><b>A.6.</b> List your child’s relationship to you. (<i>For example: biological child, step child, legally adopted child</i>)</p> <p><b>B.1. - B.6.</b> If you have a second child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.</p> <p><b>C.1. - C.6.</b> If you have a third child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.</p> <p><b>D.1. - D.6.</b> If you have a fourth child, provide the requested information in the spaces provided.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you have more than 4 children, use an additional sheet(s) of paper to provide information requested in <b>Item Numbers A.1.-A.6.</b></p>
<p><b>Page 4, Part 10, Additional Questions</b></p>	<p><b>Part 10. Additional Questions</b></p> <p>Answer each question by checking “Yes” or “No.” If <b>any</b> part of a question applies to you, you must answer “Yes.” For example, if you were never arrested but were once detained by a police officer, check “Yes” to the question “Have you ever been arrested or detained by a law</p>	<p><b>Page 8, Part 11. Additional Questions</b></p> <p>Answer each question by checking “Yes” or “No.” If <b>any</b> part of a question applies to you, you must answer “Yes.” <b>Answering “Yes” to one of these questions does not always cause an application to be denied.</b></p>

	<p>enforcement officer?” and attach a written explanation.</p> <p>We will use this information to determine your eligibility for citizenship. Answer every question honestly and accurately. If you do not, we may deny your application for lack of good moral character. Answering “Yes” to one of these questions does not always cause an application to be denied. For more information on eligibility, see the Guide.</p>	
<p><b>Page 4, Part 11., Your Signature</b></p>	<p>After reading the statement in Part 11, you must sign and date it. You should sign your full name without abbreviating it or using initials. The signature must be legible. Your application will be rejected if it is not signed.</p> <p>If you cannot sign your name in English, sign in your native language. If you are unable to write in any language, sign your name with an “X.”</p> <p>NOTE: A designated representative may sign this section on behalf of an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of the Oath of Allegiance because of a developmental or physical impairment (see the Guide for more information). In such a case, the designated representative should write the name of the applicant and then sign his or her own name followed by the words “Designated Representative.” The information attested to by the Designated Representative is subject to the same penalties discussed on <b>Page 8</b> of these instructions.</p>	<p><b>Page 8, Part 12. Your Signature</b></p> <p>Read the statement and then sign the Form N-400 as you normally sign your name. You may place an “X” mark instead of a signature if you are unable to write in any language.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> A designated representative may sign here if the applicant is unable to sign due to a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. A designated representative who signs on behalf of an applicant attests under penalty of perjury that the information being provided in the application is true and correct.</p> <p>A designated representative who is signing on behalf of an applicant with a physical or development disability or mental impairment should write the name of the applicant and then his or her own name followed by the words “Designated Representative.” <b>If a designated representative has prepared the application, the designated representative must also sign the application in the Preparer’s box (Part 13. of Form N-400).</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if it is not signed.</b></p>
<p><b>Page 9, New</b></p>		<p><b>Page 9, Part 13. Signature and Contact Information of the Person Who Prepared This Form, if Other than the Applicant</b></p>

		If you prepared this form by yourself, leave this section blank. If someone filled out this form for you, he or she must complete this section.
Page 5, General Instructions, Step-By-Step Instructions	<p><b>Part 12. Signature of Person Who Prepared this Application for You</b></p> <p>If someone filled out this form for you, he or she must complete this section.</p>	<p>Page 9,</p> <p><b>Part 14. Interpreter’s Statement and Signature</b></p> <p>If you answered “Yes” to Part 2, Item 11 or 12 of this form <b>and</b> used an interpreter to interpret the questions on the form <b>before submitting the form</b>, then you must complete this section.</p>
Page 5, Part 13. Signature at Interview	<p><b>Part 13. Signature at Interview</b></p> <p>Do not complete this part. You will be asked to complete this part at your interview.</p>	<p>Page 9,</p> <p><b>NOTE: Do not complete parts 15, 16, and 17 until a USCIS Officer instructs you to do so.</b></p> <p><b>Part 15. Signature at Interview</b></p> <p>Do not complete this part. The USCIS Officer will ask you to complete this part at your interview.</p>
Page 9, New		<p>Page 9,</p> <p><b>Part 16. Renunciation of Foreign Titles</b></p> <p>Do not complete this part until a USCIS Officer instructs you to so at your interview.</p> <p>Most people do not have a foreign hereditary title or order of nobility. This part will apply only if you answered “Yes” to <b>Part 11, Item Numbers 4 and 52</b>. If you do have a hereditary title or order of nobility, the law requires you to renounce this title as part of your oath ceremony to become a U.S. citizen. In <b>Part 16</b>, you must affirm you are ready to do so.</p>
Page 5, Part 14. Oath of Allegiance	<p><b>Part 14. Oath of Allegiance</b></p> <p>Do not complete this part. You will be asked to complete this part at your interview.</p> <p>If we approve your application, you must take this Oath of Allegiance to become a citizen. In limited cases, you can take a modified oath. The oath requirement</p>	<p>Page 9,</p> <p><b>Part 17. Oath of Allegiance</b></p> <p>Do not complete this part. The USCIS Officer will ask you to complete this part at your interview.</p> <p>If USCIS approves your application, you must take this Oath of Allegiance to become a citizen. In limited cases, you can take a modified oath.</p>

	<p>cannot be waived unless you are unable to understand its meaning because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. For more information, see the <i>Guide</i>. Your signature on this form only indicates that you have no objections to taking the Oath of Allegiance. <b>It does not mean that you have taken the oath or that you are naturalized.</b> If USCIS approves your application for naturalization, you must attend an oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.</p>	<p>The oath requirement cannot be waived unless you are unable to understand its meaning because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. For more information, see <b>A Guide to Naturalization (M-476)</b>. Your signature on this form only indicates that you have no objections to taking the Oath of Allegiance. <b>It does not mean that you have taken the oath or that you are naturalized.</b> If USCIS approves your Form N-400, you must attend an oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.</p>
<p><b>Page 5, General Instructions,</b></p>	<p><b>Step 2. General Requirements</b></p> <p><b>Photographs.</b> You <b>must</b> submit two identical passport-style color photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of the filing of this application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched.</p> <p>The photos must be 2” x 2” and must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1” to 1 3/8” from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8” to 1 3/8” from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing a headdress as required by a religious order of which you are a member; however, your face must be visible. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and Alien Registration Number on the back of each photo.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Any digital photo submitted needs to be produced from a high-resolution camera with at least 3.5 mega pixels of resolution.</b></p> <p><b>Copy of Permanent Resident Card.</b> Applicants who are lawful permanent residents of the United States must submit photocopies (front and back) of Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card).</p>	<p><b>Page 9, Required Evidence</b></p> <p><b><u>The following is a list of documents to submit with your Form N-400</u></b></p> <p><b>Photographs.</b> Provide two identical passport-style color photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of filing Form N-400. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. If a digital photo is submitted, it must be taken from a camera with at least 3.5 mega pixels of resolution.</p> <p>The photos must be 2” x 2” and must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1” to 1 3/8” from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8” to 1 3/8” from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing <b>headwear</b> as required by a religious <b>denomination</b> of which you are a member; however, your face must be visible. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the back of each photo.</p> <p><b>Copy of Permanent Resident Card.</b> Provide a photocopy of the front and back of your Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card). USCIS must be able to read the information on the photocopy. <b>If you have lost your Form I-551, attach a copy of any other entry document or a photocopy of a receipt showing that you have filed Form I-90, Application to Replace</b></p>

If you have lost your Form I-551, attach a copy of any other entry document or a photocopy of a receipt showing that you have filed Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.

**Other Documents.** Depending on the circumstances, some applicants must send certain documents with their application. For example, if you have been arrested or convicted of a crime, you must send a certified copy of the arrest report, court disposition, sentencing, and any other relevant documents, including any countervailing evidence concerning the circumstances of your arrest or conviction that you would like USCIS to consider. Not that unless a traffic incident was alcohol or drug related, you do not need to submit documentation for traffic fines and incidents that did not involve an actual arrest if the only penalty was a fine of less than \$500 or points on your driver's license.

For more information on the documents you must send with your application, see the Document Checklist in the *Guide*.

**Translations.** Any document containing foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation which the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

**Copies.** Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application or petition, an original legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required will remain a part of the record, even if the submission was not required.

Submit photocopies of certificates of birth for all biological children you

Permanent Resident Card.

**The following is a list of documents to bring with you to your Form N-400 interview**

**Permanent Resident Card.**

**State Issued Identification.** Bring a valid State-issued identification, such as a driver's license.

**Passports and Travel Documents.** Bring valid and expired passport(s) as well as any travel document(s) issued by USCIS.

**Other Documents.**

Depending on the circumstances, you should bring certain documents to your interview. For example, if you have been arrested or convicted of a crime, you must **bring certified arrest report(s), court disposition(s), sentencing report(s), and any other** relevant documents. **If you were placed on probation**, you must provide evidence that you completed your probationary period.

You do not need to bring documentation for traffic fines and incidents (unless alcohol or drug related) that did not involve an actual arrest if the penalty was only a fine of less than \$500 or points on your driver's license.

For more information on the documents you must bring to your interview, see the Document List in A Guide to Naturalization (M-476).

	<p>claim, or where you are named as the biological parent by court-order. You are required to show proof of monetary support for these minor children if those children who are in your legal custody are under the age of 18 but have not lived at your residence during any period within your statutory period</p>	
<p><b>Page 6, What Is the Filing Fee?</b></p>	<p>The filing fee for Form N-400 is <b>\$595</b>.</p> <p>An additional biometric fee of <b>\$85</b> is required when filing Form N-400. After you submit Form N-400, USCIS will notify you about when and where to go for biometric services.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> All naturalization applicants filing under the military provisions, section 328 or 329 of the INA, do not require a filing fee.</p> <p>Applicants 75 years of age or older are exempt from the biometric fee. Individuals who require fingerprinting and who reside outside of the United States at the time of filing an application or petition for immigration benefits are exempt from biometric fees.</p> <p>You may submit one check or money order for both the application and biometrics fees, for a total of <b>\$680</b>.</p>	<p><b>Page 10, What Is the Filing Fee</b> [Moved to come before the “Where To File” section]</p> <p>The fee for filing Form N-400 is <b>\$595</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE: No fee is required for military applicants filing under Section 328 and 329 of the INA.</b></p> <p>USCIS <b>also</b> requires you to pay a biometrics services fee of <b>\$85</b> when filing <b>Form N-400</b> regardless of where you live and whether you are filing from within the United States or abroad.</p> <p><b>Biometrics Services Fee Exceptions</b></p> <p>You do not have to pay a biometrics services fee if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. You are 75 years of age or older or</b></li> <li><b>2. You are filing under the military provisions, section 328 or 329 of the INA.</b></li> </ol> <p>[Deleted]</p> <p>USCIS <b>cannot</b> accept a biometrics services fee if you are not required to pay a biometrics services fee. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you attach a check for more than what you are required to pay.</p>

	<p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for Form N-400 and the biometrics services fees:</p> <p>The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; <b>and</b></p> <p>Make the check or money order payable to <b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS".</p> <p><b>Notice to Those Making Payment by Check.</b> If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit your account will</p>	<p><b>Attach your checks for your application fee and your biometrics services fee to your Form N-400. USCIS will return your checks if you mail them separately from your Form N-400.</b></p> <p><b>Do not</b> submit one payment for multiple applications because it may cause delays. For example, if you submit a separate Form N-400 application for you and your spouse, you must attach a separate check or money order for each Form N-400. After you submit Form N-400, USCIS will notify you about when and where to go for biometrics services.</p> <p><b>USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee. In such a case, USCIS will return any filing fee you submitted with your Form N-400.</b></p> <p><b>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for your Form N-400 fee:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; <b>and</b></li> <li>2. <b>Make the check or money order payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials "USDHS" or "DHS."</p> <p>3. <b>If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate for instructions on the method of payment.</b></p> <p><b>Notice To Those Making Payment by Check</b></p> <p>If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours and will</p>
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usually take 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed due to technical reasons, you authorize USCIS to process the copy in place of your original check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, USCIS may try the EFT up to two times.

### **How To Check If the Fees Are Correct**

The form and biometrics services fees on this form are current as of the edition date appearing in the lower right corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit the USCIS Web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), select “**FORMS,**” and check the appropriate fee;
2. Review the Fee Schedule included in your form package, if you called us to request the form; or
3. Telephone the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information.

**NOTE:** If your Form N-400 requires payment of a biometrics services fee for USCIS to take your fingerprints, photograph, or signature, you can use the same procedure to obtain the correct biometrics services fee.

be shown on your regular account statement.

USCIS will not return your original check. USCIS will destroy it and keep a copy with your file. If the EFT cannot be processed due to technical reasons, you authorize USCIS to process the copy of the check. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, USCIS may try to make the EFT up to two times.

**If you receive an insufficient funds notice, USCIS will send you instructions on how to submit your penalty fee. Do not send a check for the penalty fee to the address where you filed your Form N-400. It will be returned to you.**

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2. Telephone the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for the fee information. **For TDD (hearing impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.**

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**Fee Waiver Request**

		<p>You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7 (c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, submit Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or submit a written request for a fee waiver, and any required evidence of your inability to pay the form fee with this form. You can review the fee waiver guidance on the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Re-Filing Form N-400</b></p> <p>If USCIS denied your previously filed Form N-400 and you are filing a new Form N-400, you must pay the full amount. <b>Otherwise, USCIS will not accept your Form N-400. USCIS cannot apply a previously submitted filing fee amount to a newly filed Form N-400.</b></p>
<p><b>Page 5, Where to File?</b></p>	<p><b>Where To File</b></p> <p><b>Mail your completed Form N-400 and accompanying documentation to the appropriate USCIS Lockbox facility</b></p> <p>If you reside in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Territory of Guam, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, or Wyoming.</p> <p><b>USCIS P.O. Box 21251 Phoenix, AZ 85036</b></p> <p>For Express Mail or courier deliveries, use the following address:</p> <p><b>USCIS Attn: N-400 1820 E Skyharbor Circle S Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85034</b></p> <p>If you reside in Alabama, Arkansas, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,</p>	<p><b>Page 11, Where To File</b></p> <p>[Moved to come after “What Is the Filing Fee” section]</p> <p>Please see our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/N-400">www.uscis.gov/N-400</a> or call our National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> for the most current information about where to file this benefit request. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: <b>1-800-767-1833.</b></p>

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, or West Virginia.

**USCIS**  
**P.O. 660060**  
**Dallas, TX 75266**

For Express Mail or courier deliveries, use the following address:

**USCIS**  
**Attn: N-400**  
**2501 S. State Hwy 121 Business**  
**Suite 400**  
**Lewisville, TX 75067**

**Current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, spouses of current members of the U.S. Armed Forces, or close relative of deceased members of the U.S. Armed Forces.**

You must send all Form N-400 applications filed under the military provisions, sections 328 or 329 of the INA, to the **USCIS Nebraska Service Center** at the address below regardless of where you live and whether you are filing from within the United States or abroad.

**Also**, if you are the spouse of a current member of the U.S. Armed Forces, or are the close relative of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces (see INA section 319(d)), send your Form N-400 to the **USCIS Nebraska Service Center** at the address below regardless of where you live and whether you are filing from within the United States or abroad.

**Send your Form N-400 to:**

**USCIS Nebraska Service Center  
P.O. Box 87426  
Lincoln, NE 68501-7426**

For Express Mail or courier deliveries,  
use the following address:

**USCIS Nebraska Service Center  
850 S Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508**

**If you are filing under section 319(b) of  
the INA**

If you are filing under section 319(b) of  
the INA, you must send Form N-400 to  
the **USCIS Phoenix Lockbox** facility  
regardless of where you live and whether  
you are filing from within the United  
States or abroad. **However, if you are  
filing under section 319(b) and are a  
spouse of a current member of the U.S.  
Armed Forces, file with the NSC as  
instructed previously.**

**USCIS  
Attn: N-400  
P.O. Box 21251  
Phoenix, AZ 85036**

For express/courier deliveries, use the  
following address:

**USCIS  
Attn: N-400 319(b)  
1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S,  
Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85034**

**E-Notification**

If you are filing your Form N-400 at one  
of the USCIS Lockbox facilities, you  
may elect to receive an e-mail and/or text  
message notifying you that your Form N-  
400 has been accepted. You must  
complete Form G-1145, E-Notification  
of Application/Petition Acceptance, and  
attach it to the first page of your Form N-

	<p>400. To download a copy of Form G-1145, including the instructions, click on the “<b>FORMS</b>” link on the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>. The Form G-1145 is activated and the acceptance message is sent after your application has been successfully processed at the USCIS Lockbox facility and your receipt notice has been issued.</p>	
<p><b>Page 7, Processing Information</b></p>	<p><b>Processing Information</b></p> <p><b>Any Form N-400 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected. Any application that is not completed in accordance with these instructions, is missing pages or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence may also be rejected. If your Form N-400 is rejected, the form and any fees will be returned to you and you will be notified why the form is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form N-400. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</b></p> <p><b>Requests for more information or interview.</b> USCIS may request more information or evidence, or request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. USCIS may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. USCIS will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p> <p><b>Decision.</b> The decision on Form N-400 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. If you do not establish a basis for eligibility, USCIS will deny your Form N-400. You will be notified of the decision in writing.</p>	<p><b>Page 12, Processing Information</b> [Moved to come immediately after “Where To File”]</p> <p><b>Any Form N-400 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected. Any application that is not completed in accordance with these instructions, is missing pages or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence may also be rejected. If your Form N-400 is rejected, the form and any fees will be returned to you and you will be notified why the form is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form N-400. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</b></p> <p><b>Requests for more information, including biometrics, or interview.</b> USCIS may request more information or evidence, <b>and will</b> request that you appear for an interview. USCIS may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. USCIS will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p> <p><b>At the time of an interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, USCIS may require that you provide biometric information (e.g., photograph, fingerprints) to verify your identity and update your background information.</b></p> <p><b>Decision.</b> The decision on Form N-400 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. If you do not establish a basis for eligibility, USCIS will deny your Form N-400. You will be notified of the decision in writing.</p>
<p><b>Page 7, Address</b></p>	<p><b>Address Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Page 12,</b></p>

<p><b>Changes</b></p>	<p>If you change your address and you have an application or petition pending with USCIS, you may change your address online at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, click on "Change your address with USCIS" and follow the prompts or by completing and mailing Form AR-11, Alien's Change of Address Card, to:</p> <p><b>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Change of Address P.O. Box 7134 London, KY 40742-7134</b></p> <p>For commercial overnight or fast freight services only, mail to:</p> <p><b>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Change of Address 1084-I South Laurel Road London, KY 40744</b></p>	<p><b>Address Change</b></p> <p>If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. <b>For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.</p> <p><b>CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES</b></p> <p>Contact the Military Help Line at 1-877-247-4645 if you are transferred to a new duty station after you file your Form N-400, including <b>if you are deployed overseas or on a vessel.</b></p>
<p><b>NEW</b></p>		<p><b>Page 12, Attorney or Representative</b></p> <p>You may be represented, at no expense to the U.S. Government, by an attorney or other duly accredited representative. Your representative must submit Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, with your Form N-400. Your representative may also submit the Form G-28 at the time of your interview. Form G-28 can be obtained by visiting the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, calling the USCIS forms line number at 1-800-870-3676, or by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p>
<p><b>Page 7, USCIS Forms and Information</b></p>	<p><b>USCIS Forms and Information</b></p> <p>To order USCIS forms, call our toll-free number at 1-800-870-3676. You can also get USCIS forms and information on immigration laws, regulations, and</p>	<p><b>Page 12, USCIS Forms and Information</b></p> <p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> where you can get the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related</p>

	<p>procedures by telephoning our National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> or visiting our Internet website at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a></p> <p>As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, <b>InfoPass</b>. To access the system, visit our web site. Use the <b>InfoPass</b> appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. <b>InfoPass</b> generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Schedule an InfoPass appointment if you do not know your USCIS A-Number or permanent resident date to obtain this information <b>BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR Form N-400.</b></p>	<p>information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at <b>1-800-870-3676</b>. You may also obtain forms and immigration related information by telephoning the USCIS National Customer Service Center at <b>1-800-375-5283</b>. <b>For TDD (hearing impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.</b></p> <p>You can now schedule an appointment through the USCIS Internet-based system, <b>InfoPass</b>. To access <b>InfoPass</b>, please visit the USCIS Web site. Use the <b>InfoPass</b> appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. <b>InfoPass</b> generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p>
<p><b>Page 7, Penalties</b></p>	<p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form N-400, USCIS will deny your Form N-400 and may deny any other immigration benefit.</p> <p>In addition, you may be subject to criminal prosecution and penalties provided by law.</p>	<p><b>Page 13, Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this Form N-400, USCIS will deny your Form N-400 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you may be subject to criminal prosecution and penalties provided by law.</p>
<p><b>Page 8, Privacy Act Statement</b></p>	<p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et. seq.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine if you have established eligibility for which you are filing. The information you provide to grant or deny the benefit sought.</p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE:</b> The information you</p>	<p><b>Page 13, USCIS Privacy Act Statement</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> Section 334 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [8 U.S.C. 1445], as amended INA section 101, authorizes the collection of the information requested on this benefit application, and the associated evidence.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this <b>benefit application</b> is to determine if you have established eligibility <b>for naturalization. We will use</b> the information you provide to grant or deny the benefit <b>you seek.</b></p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE:</b> The information you provide</p>

	<p>provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your benefit request.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE USES:</b> The information you provide on this benefit application may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS), which can be found at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>	<p>is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your benefit request.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE USES:</b> The information you provide on this benefit application may be <b>disclosed to</b> other federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS), which can be found at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>
<p><b>New</b></p>		<p><b>Page 13,</b> <b>USCIS Compliance Review and Monitoring</b></p> <p>By signing this form, you have stated under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) that all information and documentation submitted with this form is true and correct. You also have authorized the release of any information from your records that USCIS may need to determine eligibility for the benefit you are seeking and consented to USCIS verification of such information.</p> <p>The Department of Homeland Security has the right to verify any information you submit to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking at any time. USCIS' legal right to verify this information is in 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1155, 1184, 1427 and 1445, and 8 CFR parts 103, 204, 205, 214, 316 and 334. To ensure compliance with applicable laws and authorities, USCIS may verify information before or after your case has been decided. Agency verification methods may include, but are not limited to: review of public records and information; contact via written correspondence, the Internet, facsimile, or other electronic transmission, or telephone; unannounced physical site inspections</p>



		<p>of residences and locations of employment; and interviews. Information obtained through verification will be used to assess your compliance with the laws and to determine your eligibility for the benefit sought.</p> <p>Subject to the restrictions under 8 CFR Part 103.2(b)(16), you will be provided an opportunity to address any adverse or derogatory information that may result from a USCIS compliance review, verification, or site visit after a formal decision is made on your case or after the agency has initiated an adverse action which may result in revocation or termination of an approval.</p>
<p><b>Page 8, Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p>	<p><b>Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p> <p>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 6 hours and 8 minutes per response.</p> <p>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 Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. <b>Do not mail your application to this address.</b></p>	<p><b>Page 14, Paperwork Reduction Act</b></p> <p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless Form N-400 displays a <b>currently</b> valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at <b>6 hours and 55 minutes</b> per response including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the Form N-400. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: <b>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No 1615-0052. Do not mail your completed Form N-400 to this address.</b></p>