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Form N-600 Revision**

Comment #	Public Comments	USCIS Response
<b>Comment 1.</b>	<b>Commenter: Xuan Luo</b>	
	<p>Form N-600, Part 2, Question 14C says "I am:", followed by the choices "A Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR)", "A Nonimmigrant", "A Refugee/Asylee", and "Other (Explain):" with a blank. This question as written is very confusing, because the only people who are eligible to file form N-600 to apply for a Certificate of Citizenship are people who are, legally, already US citizens prior to filing the form. N-600 can only be filed by people who either 1) are born outside the US and who were automatically US citizens at birth, or 2) were US permanent residents under 18 who automatically became US citizens because they were living in the US with a US citizen parent. In both cases, the people must have already automatically become US citizens before they can file N-600.</p> <p>By definition, someone who is currently a US citizen is not currently a lawful permanent resident, a nonimmigrant, or a refugee/asylee. Therefore, for anyone who is properly eligible to file this form, since the questions says "I am" in the present tense, the only possible correct answer is to check the "Other" box, and then write in "US citizen" in the blank. Even if, in the case of a permanent resident minor who automatically derived citizenship, the applicant may still possess a permanent resident card, once he/she met the conditions to automatically derive citizenship, legally speaking, he/she is immediately a US citizen, and is not a lawful permanent resident.</p> <p>It is very strange that the form would present a question</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> Thank you for your comment. USCIS made a change to Form N-600 in response to the concerns raised.</p>

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<p>where the only correct answer for those eligible to file the form, requires selecting "other" and writing in an answer, and where none of the pre-written answers are correct. Furthermore, it is unclear what the point of this question, as written, would be, because by filing the N-600 form, the applicant is, by definition, claiming to already be a US citizen, so it seems that a question asking for what (the applicant claims) his/her status is, is redundant.</p> <p>Perhaps the question was intended to ask what the person's status was before automatically becoming a US citizen (although that question would only apply to those who claimed to have derived citizenship, and not those who claim citizenship from birth). In any case, the question should be re-worded to clarify what is wanted.</p>	
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