

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form N-400, Instructions for Application for Naturalization
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Page 1, What Is the Purpose of Form N-400?	<p>[page 1]</p> <p>...</p> <p>If either of your parents is a United States citizen, complete Part 6. Information About Your Parents as part of this application. If neither of your parents is a United States citizen, skip Part 6. and complete Part 7. Biographical Information.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[page 1]</p> <p>...</p> <p>If either of your parents is a United States citizen, complete Part 6. Information About Your Parents as part of this application. If neither of your parents is a United States citizen, skip Part 6. and complete Part 7. Biographic Information.</p> <p>...</p>
Pages 2-4, General Instructions	<p>[page 3]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Biometrics Services Appointment. USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application. After USCIS receives your application and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support</p>	<p>[page 3]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Biometrics Services Appointment. Every individual who is an applicant, petitioner, derivative, beneficiary, or sponsor of an immigration benefit request or other request submitted to USCIS is required to submit biometrics unless USCIS waives or exempts the requirement. You will be notified of the time and place of your appointment if you must appear and you will be provided requirements for rescheduling if necessary. If you fail to submit any biometrics as required, USCIS may deny your application, petition, or request.</p> <p>DHS may store the biometrics submitted by an individual and use or reuse biometrics to</p>

	<p>Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.</p> <p>If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your application.</p> <p>Copies. You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), verify identity, produce documents, determine eligibility for immigration and naturalization benefits, or to perform any other functions necessary for administering and enforcing immigration and naturalization laws, and any other law within DHS authority.</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.</p> <p>[deleted]</p> <p>Copies. You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Pages 14-16, What Is the Filing Fee?</p>	<p>[page 14]</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p> <p>The filing fee for Form N-400 is \$640. A biometric services fee of \$85 is also required for applicants under 75 years of age when filing Form N-400 regardless of where the applicant lives and whether the applicant is filing from within the United States or abroad.</p> <p>NOTE: No filing fee is required for military applicants filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA.</p> <p>Biometric Services Fee Exceptions</p> <p>You do not have to pay a biometric services fee if:</p>	<p>[page 14]</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p> <p>The filing fee for Form N-400 is \$640. A biometric services fee of \$85 is also required regardless of where the applicant lives and whether the applicant is filing from within the United States or abroad.</p> <p>NOTE: No filing fee or biometric services fee is required for military applicants filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA.</p> <p>[deleted]</p>

	<p>1. You are 75 years of age or older; or</p> <p>2. You are filing under the military provisions, Section 328 or 329 of the INA.</p> <p>USCIS cannot accept a biometric services fee if you are not required to pay a biometric services fee.</p> <p>Rejected Applications</p> <p>USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee or an incorrect payment method. USCIS also will reject your Form N-400 if you include payment for more than what you are required to pay.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[page 16]</p> <p>If you believe you are eligible for a fee reduction, complete Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee, and submit it and any required evidence to support your request with this application. If you are under 75 years of age, there is no reduction available for the biometric services fee. If your request for reduced fee is approved you will pay \$320 plus \$85 for a total payment of \$405. You do not have to pay a biometric services fee if you are 75 years of age or older.</p> <p>NOTE: USCIS cannot accept a biometric services fee if you are not required to pay a biometric services fee. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee or if you attach payment for more than what you are required to pay. In such a case, USCIS will return any filing fees you submitted with your Form N-400.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Rejected Applications</p> <p>USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee or an incorrect payment method. USCIS also will reject your Form N-400 if you include payment for more than what you are required to pay.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[page 16]</p> <p>If you believe you are eligible for a fee reduction, complete Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee, and submit it and any required evidence to support your request with this application. If your request for reduced fee is approved you will pay \$320 plus \$85 for a total payment of \$405.</p> <p>NOTE: USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee or if you attach payment for more than what you are required to pay. In such a case, USCIS will return any filing fees you submitted with your Form N-400.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Pages 16-17, Processing Information</p>	<p>[page 17]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Requests for Interview. We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your application. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you</p>	<p>[page 17]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Requests for Interview. We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your application. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you</p>

	<p>provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>provide your biometrics to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 18, Paperwork Reduction Act</p>	<p>[Page 18]</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act</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 it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 9 hours and 17 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 1 hour and 10 minutes. 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 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.</p>	<p>[Page 18]</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act</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 it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 9 hours and 17 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 3 hours and 40 minutes. 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 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.</p>