

ELIGIBILITY TOOL COPY: QUES

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Question

Check to see if you are eligible to apply to become a U.S. citizen through naturalization

Are one or both of your parents a U.S. citizen?

How old are you?

Are you a member of the U.S. armed forces?

Are you a lawful permanent resident?

When did you become a lawful permanent resident?

Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Have you left the country in the past [3 OR 5] years?

Have any of your trips outside of the U.S. been longer than 6 months?

Have you moved in the past 3 months?

Have you been married for 3 years or longer?

Has your spouse been a U.S. citizen for 3 years or longer?

Did you serve honorably in active duty or reserve service in the Army, Marine Corps, or National Guard?

Are you a U.S. national?

Select all that apply

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Are you the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased service member who was a U.S. citizen?

Are you currently authorized to accompany your spouse at his or her overseas station, and do you intend to naturalize while abroad?

Do you intend to join your spouse at his or her overseas station after naturalization?

QUESTIONS, INSTRUCTIONAL AND HELP TEXT, ...

... and provides definitions for answering the question

Responses

Yes

No

18 or older

Under 18

Yes

No

Yes

No

Before [5 years ago/Month day, year]

Between [5 years ago/Month day, year] and [3 years ago/Month day, year]

Neither of these apply to me

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes, during a designated period of conflict

Yes, for a year or more

Neither of these apply to me

Yes

No

I am an employee or an individual **under contract to the U.S. government**

I am performing **ministerial or priestly functions** for a religious denomination or interdenominational organization with a valid presence in the United States

I have been employed for 5 years or more by a **U.S. nonprofit organization** that principally promotes the interests of the United States abroad through the communications media

I am employed by an **American institution of research** recognized by the Attorney General

I am employed by an American-owned firm or corporation engaged in the development of **foreign trade and commerce** for the United States

I am employed by a **public international organization** of which the United States is a member by law or treaty (and my employment began after I became a permanent resident)

None of these apply to me

I am **married to a member of the U.S. armed forces** who is **stationed and living overseas**

I am **married to a U.S. citizen** who is working overseas as an employee or individual **under contract to the U.S. government**

I am **married to a U.S. citizen** who is working overseas as an employee of an **American institution of research** recognized by the Attorney General

I am **married to a U.S. citizen** who is working overseas as an employee of an American-owned firm or corporation engaged in the development of **foreign trade and commerce** for the United States

I am **married to a U.S. citizen** who is working overseas as an employee of a **public international organization** of which the United States is a member of by law or treaty

I am **married to a U.S. citizen** who is working overseas as a person who performs **ministerial or priestly functions** for a religious denomination or an inter-denominational organization with a valid presence in the United States

None of these apply to me

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

AND OTHER COPY

Instructional Text	Primary CTA	UI Text
		Secondary CTA
These questions are solely intended to help you determine whether you may be eligible to submit the Application for Naturalization (N-400). This tool does not determine if you are actually eligible for citizenship. After you submit your application, USCIS will review your information and determine if you are eligible for citizenship through naturalization.	Determine my eligibility	Go directly to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)
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U.S. armed forces include the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and certain components of the National Guard and the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.	Next	Back
A lawful permanent resident is someone who is residing in the United States under a legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence status.	Next	Back
The date may be located on the front or back of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or referred to as the Green Card), depending on when the card was issued.	Next	Back

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View the requirements for [citizenship for military members](https://www.uscis.gov/military/citizenship-military-personnel-family-members/citizenship-military-members) for a complete list of periods of conflict.

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Notes

INA Section

If yes, end tool.

All users will see this question. If <18, end tool.

If yes, shortcut to military questions

Only users who are permanent residents will see this question.

All users with 3-5 years of permanent residency will see this question.

Users who have been an LPR for <5 years will see the 5 year date; users who have been an LPR for <3 years and are married to a U.S. citizen will see the 3 year date.

Only users married to a U.S. citizen will see this question.

Only users married to a U.S. citizen will see this question.

Only military users will see this question. 329

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Only users who are not eligible under 5-year LPR or 3-year LPR + marriage to U.S. citizens will see this screen. 325

Only users who have been permanent residents for 5 years will see this screen. 316(b)

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Only users who are married, but not eligible under standard 5-year LPR or 3-year LPR + marriage to U.S. citizens will see this screen. 319(e)

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Only users married to a member of the U.S. armed forces OR another qualifying employee located overseas will see this question. 319(b)

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#1	4	319(d)	You may be eligible to apply for naturalization
#1	5	319(b)	You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

#1	6	325	You may be eligible to apply for naturalization
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#3 320 You may already be a U.S. citizen

#10 You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time

#9 You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time

#7 You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time

ADDITIONAL AND HELP TEXT, AND OTHER COPY

Explanation of that basis.

Basis for Eligibility Message

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 3 years and your spouse is a U.S. citizen

You are the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased service member who was a U.S. citizen

Your spouse is a U.S. citizen and is regularly engaged in qualifying employment overseas

You are a U.S. national from America Samoa or Swains Island

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are engaged in qualifying nonprofit employment

Your spouse is serving in the U.S. armed forces and stationed overseas, and you are authorized to accompany your spouse to the overseas station

You served in the U.S. armed forces during a designated period of conflict, but military filers cannot apply for naturalization online yet

You served in the U.S. armed forces for 1 year or more, but military filers cannot apply for naturalization online yet

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 3 years and your spouse is a U.S. citizen

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are an employee or individual under contract to the U.S. government

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are fulfilling religious duties

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are employed by an American research institution

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are employed by an American company engaged in developing foreign trade and commerce for the United States

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are employed by a public international organization of which the United States is a member

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You are required to have been married to and living with your spouse for the past 3 years and your spouse is required to have been a U.S. citizen for the past 3 years.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics requirements for naturalization.

If you are the spouse of a deceased service member who was a U.S. citizen, you are required to have been married to and living with your U.S. citizen spouse at the time of his or her death in order to be eligible ~~as the spouse of a deceased service member~~. You are still eligible for naturalization if you remarry after your spouse's death.

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You are required to be a lawful permanent resident at the time of your USCIS interview.

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You are required to reside in a state in a [USCIS service district](https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-uscis-office/field-offices) for at least 3 months before filing your application. Any time you resided in America Samoa or Swains Island counts as time in the United States for the continuous presence and physical presence requirements.

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You are required to have official military orders that authorize you to accompany your spouse to his or her overseas station in order to meet the continuous residence and physical presence requirements.

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You should file the paper version of the Application for Naturalization (N-400). There is no application fee for military filers. **You should also learn more about [applying for naturalization as a military member](https://www.uscis.gov/military/citizenship-military-personnel-family-members/citizenship-military-members).**

You are required to be a lawful permanent resident at the time of your interview or you must have been physically present at the time of enlistment, reenlistment, extension of service, or induction into the U.S. armed forces.

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Your eligibility may depend on the length of your international travel and the reason you were traveling. If you have been absent from the United States for one year or more, you are required to have an approved Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes (Form N-470) before you apply for naturalization. You should learn more about [continuous residence and physical presence requirements for naturalization](https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/citizenship-through-naturalization/continuous-residence-and-physical-presence-requirements-naturalization).

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You may need to file a different application if one or both of your parents were U.S. citizens. You may file the Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600) if you were born abroad and one or both of your parents was U.S. citizens. You may also file an application if you became a U.S. citizen by operation of law after your birth. You should learn more about obtaining [citizenship through your parents](https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/citizenship-through-parents).

In order to apply for naturalization based on your spouse's overseas employment, you must intend to join him or her overseas.

You may not be able to apply for naturalization as the spouse of a U.S. citizen because you have not met one of the requirements.



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