

## N-600: APPLICATION OVERVIEW

### Fee Rule NPRM Changes: Edits Made

Heading	Sub-Heading	Body Text	Revised Body Text	CTA	
Application for Certificate of Citizenship		<p>The Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600) is used to obtain a Certificate of Citizenship which serves as evidence of your or your child's U.S. citizenship. You may file this application if you were born abroad and are claiming U.S. citizenship at birth through your parents. You may also file this application to obtain evidence of citizenship if you automatically became a U.S. citizen by operation of law after your birth but before you turned 18 years of age. A parent or guardian may also file this application on behalf of a minor child.</p> <p>Please note that USCIS does not issue Certificates of Citizenship in cases where the person became a U.S. citizen based on birth in the United States. USCIS only issues Certificates of Citizenship to those individuals who were born abroad but are U.S. citizens at birth through their parents, or who became citizens after birth but before the age of 18.</p>		Learn more about <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/n-600">https://www.uscis.gov/n-600</a> applying for a Certificate of Citizenship	
Before you start your application	Eligibility	<p>You should file this application if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>You are requesting a Certificate of Citizenship because you were born outside the United States to a U.S. citizen parent; or</li><li>You are requesting a Certificate of Citizenship because you automatically became a citizen of the United States after birth, but before you turned 18 years of age. (A parent or legal guardian can also fill Form N-600 on behalf of a minor child.)</li></ol> <p>If you are claiming U.S. citizenship after birth, but before you reached 18 years of age, the law in effect when the last qualifying condition was met is the law that applies to you. Generally, the conditions are listed below.</p> <p>These conditions must be met before you turn 18 years of age:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your parent must be a U.S. citizen</li><li>You must be the biological child of that U.S. citizen parent</li><li>You must be lawfully admitted to the United States for lawful permanent residence; and</li><li>You must be living in the United States in the legal and physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent.</li></ol> <p>Members of the U.S. Armed Forces currently cannot file this request online. If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, you will need to submit the paper version of this form.</p>			
	Eligibility of adopted children	<p>An adopted child may also acquire U.S. citizenship through his or her adoptive U.S. citizen parent depending on the law being applied. Currently, an adopted child can acquire U.S. citizenship through his or her U.S. citizen parent. However, step children CANNOT acquire U.S. citizenship under this provision.</p>			
	Fee	<p>Fee: \$1,170</p> <p>A biometric services fee of \$85 is also required.</p> <p>The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application.</p> <p>There is no filing fee if you are a member or veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces filing on your own behalf. Children of members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are required to pay the filing fee.</p>	<p><b>We will automatically calculate the cost for you before you submit your application. See Form G-1055, available at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/g-1055">www.uscis.gov/g-1055</a>, for specific information about the fees applicable to this form.</b></p> <p><b>Refund policy:</b> USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.</p> <p>There is no filing fee if you are a member or veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces filing on your own behalf. Children of members or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are required to pay the filing fee.</p>	Learn more about <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver">https://www.uscis.gov/feewaiver</a> filing a fee waiver	DNM: Added biometrics fee LNM: Removed Biometric Fee 3/18/20
	Documents you may need	<p>The following is a list of documents everyone filing this form must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2x2 passport photograph</li><li>Birth certificate</li><li>U.S. citizen parent's proof of citizenship</li></ul> <p>We will automatically determine which additional documents you need to provide as you fill out your application. The other documents you need will depend on the information you provide in the application, such as your personal history, family, and circumstances.</p>	<p>The following is a list of documents everyone filing this form must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recent color photograph</li><li>Birth certificate</li><li>U.S. citizen parent's proof of citizenship</li></ul> <p>We will automatically determine which additional documents you need to provide as you fill out your application. The other documents you need will depend on the information you provide in the application, such as your personal history, family, and circumstances.</p>		
After you submit your application	Track your case online	<p>After you submit your form, you can track its status through your USCIS account. Sign in to your account often to check your case status and read any important messages from USCIS.</p>			

<b>Respond to requests for information</b>	If we need more information from you, we will send you a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Request for Information (RFI). You can respond to our request and upload your documents through your USCIS account.
<b>Attend your interview</b>	Not all applicants for a Certificate of Citizenship are required to appear for an in-person interview. We will determine, based on the evidence submitted in support of your application, whether you are required to appear in person for an interview.
<b>Take the Oath of Allegiance</b>	If we approve your application, and you are over 14 years of age, you will be scheduled to appear at a USCIS office to take the Oath of Allegiance. If you are under 14 years of age, you may not be required to take the Oath of Allegiance.

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**Completing your form online**    **Filing online**    Submitting your application online is the same as mailing in a completed paper form. They both gather the same information and cost the same.

**Provide as many responses as you can**    You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete fields or sections and missing information can slow down the process after you submit your form. If you do not finish your form in one session, you can sign in to your account to continue where you left off.

**We will automatically save your responses**    We will automatically save your information when you select next to go to a new page or navigate to another section of the form. Your responses will be saved for 30 days. You can sign in to your account at anytime to continue where you left off.

**DHS Privacy Notice**

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 320.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to determine if you have established eligibility for a Certificate of Citizenship for which you are filing. DHS will use the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including your Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your application.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this application and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking, DHS-USCIS-007 Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-015 Computer Linked Application Information Management System 4, DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System, and DHS/USCIS/PIA-071 myUSCIS Account Experience], which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**    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 1 hour and 35 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  
Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division  
5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140  
Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009

Do not mail your completed Form N-600 to this address.

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