



SEVEN STEPS TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP

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Step 1: Requirements for Naturalization

- You are at least 18 years old and have been a permanent resident for at least 5 years (3 years if you are married to a U.S. citizen) and meet all other requirements.

Step 2: Download application and collect Documents needed.

- Complete Form N-400, Application for Naturalization
- Take 2 passport-style photos
- Collect the documents needed to demonstrate eligibility
- Review completed Form to ensure application is complete

Step 3: Submit the form

- Submit your application, fees, photographs, and documents.
- If you are seeking an exception to the English and/or civics requirement for naturalization because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment, submit Form N-648.

Step 4: Schedule an appointment for fingerprints

- All applicants must have background checks completed before USCIS will schedule an interview. This requires fingerprinting.
- If you are 75 years old or older at the time of filing, you are exempted.

Step 5: Complete the interview

- Report to the USCIS office at the date and time on your appointment notice.
- Take the English and civics tests, unless exempt.

Step 6: Receive a decision

- Receive a written notice of decision from USCIS on your application.

Step 7: Taking the Oath of Allegiance

- You are not a U.S. citizen until you take the Oath of Allegiance at a naturalization ceremony.
- Complete the questionnaire Form N-445, Notice of Naturalization Oath Ceremony.
- Report to your oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to become a U.S. citizen.
- Turn in your oath ceremony and take the Oath of Allegiance to become a U.S. citizen.
- Receive your Certificate of Naturalization and review it before leaving the ceremony site.

Congratulations, you are now a U.S. Citizen!