

Naturalization

Determine your eligibility for citizenship:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Be a lawful permanent resident
- Must have had continuous permanent residence for at least 5 years (3 years if married to a citizen)
- Must prove that you've been in the U.S. for 30 months (18 months if married to a citizen)
- Must show that you've lived for three months in the state where you claim residence

Required documents:

- Green card
- Foreign passport, if applicable
- All travel documents from the past 5 years, if applicable
- Copy of spouse's U.S. birth certificate or citizenship certificate (if applicable)
- All divorce or death certificates for client and client's spouse's prior marriages (if applicable)
- Social Security Card
- If married to a U.S. citizen, a copy of the marriage certificate
- If male who lived in the U.S. from the ages of 18-26, evidence of Selective Service registration (waiver may be available)
- Birth certificates and green cards of all children (if applicable)
- Documentation of all arrests and/or convictions, including reasons for the arrest, date, place and outcome/disposition if any.

You will receive a biometrics appointment notice from USCIS, typically a few weeks after your N-400 application has been accepted. Your photo, fingerprints and signature will be taken.

- You will then receive an appointment notice for your naturalization interview. During this appointment, the officer will go over the N400 and you will take the civics and English language tests. You get two chances to pass the tests.
- Shortly after passing the tests and interview, you will be scheduled to take part in a naturalization ceremony to be sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

PLEASE NOTE: This process can take a year or longer.