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How much does it cost to apply?



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- If you are under the age of 75, you will have to pay a total fee of \$680.

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The total fee of \$680 includes the filing fee of \$595, plus the \$85 biometric fee, which covers the cost of your biometrics appointment. Biometrics include fingerprints, photo, and signature.

- If you are 75 years of age or older, you will have to pay a total fee of \$595.
- If you are applying based on your military service, you will not pay a fee.

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If you are currently serving or have served for at least one year in the U.S. armed forces, you can file this form at no cost. The U.S. armed forces include the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Navy.

If you file your application online, you can pay by credit card or using your checking account. If you mail your application, you can pay by credit card, or you can use a check, cashier's check, or money order — whichever payment method works best for you.

Filing Fee Questions

You may have questions about the filing fee — why some people pay less, whether the fee is refunded, and so on. This section provides answers to some common questions about the fee.

Q: Why do people age 75 and older have a lower fee?

A: Applicants who are 75 or older do not need to come in for a biometrics appointment for collection of fingerprints. The higher fee for applicants under age 75 reflects the cost of the biometrics appointment and processing.

Q: Can I ever get my fee refunded (returned) to me?

A: Unfortunately, USCIS does not offer refunds, except in certain rare circumstances. If you decide to withdraw your application, or if your application is denied, USCIS will keep your fee. If your application is not properly filed, USCIS will reject it and return your fee with your entire application. Some examples of improperly filed applications include: failure to sign your application, providing an incorrect total filing fee, or submitting an incomplete application.

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Refunds are not guaranteed. If you think you are eligible for a refund, please contact the National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283.

Who is eligible to apply?



Before you start your application, you need to determine whether you are eligible to apply for citizenship. To be eligible for naturalization, you must prove that you meet these basic requirements:

- You must be at least 18 years old (unless you are an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces).
- You have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for a specified period of time.
- You have lived within the state (or USCIS district) where you claim residence for at least three months before applying.
- You have been physically present in the United States for a specified period of time.
- You have continuously resided in the United States (meaning you have lived here uninterrupted) for a specified period of time.
- You are a person of good moral character.
- You must be willing to support the ideals in the U.S. Constitution.
- You have a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (civics) and can read, write, and understand basic English.
- You must be willing to take an Oath of Allegiance to the United States (some applicants are able to take a modified oath).

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You **should not** complete this application if:

- You do not meet the basic eligibility requirements, or
- You have acquired U.S. citizenship through one or both of your parents.

If you think you might be eligible for citizenship through your parents, please review [the application requirements for the N-600](#).

How long will it take me to complete the form?



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We will ask questions about the following, so it may be helpful to collect some of this information before you begin your application:

- Your [A-Number](#) and date you became a lawful permanent resident
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We value your privacy



To complete this application, you have to provide personal information. A USCIS officer will use the information you share to determine whether you're eligible to be granted U.S. citizenship.

Sharing information with USCIS is entirely voluntary. However, if you do not complete all portions of your application, your application may be processed more slowly or denied.

Please read our [Privacy Act Statement](#) for this application below for more information.

Providing accurate information

As you complete your Application for Naturalization (N-400), you must provide true and complete information. If you knowingly provide incorrect or incomplete information, your application will be denied, and you may face criminal penalties.

A note on application instructions

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AUTHORITIES: The Immigration and Nationality Act section 334 [8 U.S.C. 1445].

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this benefit form is to determine if you have established eligibility for naturalization. USCIS requests the applicant to provide their Social Security number (SSN) to facilitate and expedite the adjudication of the applicant's request. The SSN is used to establish and corroborate the applicant's identity to complete a sufficient background check. 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 the SSN, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this application with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS- USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-015 - Electronic Immigration System-2 Account and Case Management System of Records] which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](#). DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

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