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## 1. Basis for Eligibility

Congratulations on deciding to apply for citizenship. If you know your basis of eligibility, select **I know my basis of eligibility**. If not, select **I don't know my basis for eligibility** to determine the path that may be right for you. By answering a few simple questions, you will help us direct you to the right path.

What is your basis for eligibility?

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## 1. Basis for Eligibility

In this section, there are **15-21** questions.

In this section we will tell you the basis of eligibility that most closely matches the information you provide by asking you about the following:

- Your Name
- Your Parents
- Your Date of Birth
- Where You Were Born
- Your Permanent Resident Status
- Your Residential Addresses over the Last Five Years
- Your Travel Outside of the United States over the Last Five Years

In addition, we may also ask you about your marital status and/or military service.

At the end of this section, you will be able to confirm that the basis of eligibility presented applies to you, or you can select a different basis of eligibility.

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# Your Name

## What is your current legal name?

Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Please do not provide a nickname here.

Given name (first name)

Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)

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# About Your Parents

Were your parents married before your 18th birthday?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your mother a U.S. citizen?

This includes biological and legal adoptive parents.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your father a U.S. citizen?

This includes biological and legal adoptive parents.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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## About Your Parents

Were your parents married before your 18th birthday?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your mother a U.S. citizen?

This includes biological and legal adoptive parents.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is your father a U.S. citizen?

This includes biological and legal adoptive parents.

☐ Yes ☐ No

### *You may already be a U.S. Citizen*

If your biological or legal adoptive mother or father is a U.S. citizen by birth, or naturalized before you reached your 18th birthday, you may already be a U.S. citizen.

Before you continue applying, learn more about the eligibility requirements for the [N-600 Application for Certificate of Citizenship](#). [▶](#)

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# When and Where You Were Born

What is your date of birth?

Month, Day, Year

What is your country of birth?

Enter the name of the country at the time of your birth, even if the name has changed.

What is your country of citizenship or nationality?

[Not sure what to enter for your country?](#) 

Enter the name of the country as it currently exists, where you are currently a citizen or national. If the country no longer exists, use the name of the country with current authority.

**If you are a citizen or national of more than one country**, enter the name of the foreign country that issued your last passport.

**If you are stateless**, enter the name of the country, as it currently exists, where you were last a citizen or national.



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# Permanent Residency

[Name], we need to ask you some questions about your permanent resident status to determine what questions we should ask you next.

On what date did you become a Lawful Permanent Resident?

[Where can I find this date?](#)

## SAMPLE GREEN CARD



Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or “Green Card”).

mm/dd/yyyy

Month, Day, Year

☐ I am not a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States.

What is your A-Number?

[Where can I find this number?](#)

## SAMPLE GREEN CARD



Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or “Green Card”).

The A-Number on your card consists of a seven to nine digit number, depending on when your record was created.

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7-9 digit number.

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## Continuous Residence

### Where have you lived during the last 5 years?

Begin with where you live now.

CURRENT PHYSICAL ADDRESS

What address should I use?

**Post Office (P.O.) Box numbers:**

Do not provide a P.O. Box number unless it is your only address.

**Students:**

If you are still financially dependent on your parents, you may apply for naturalization either where you go to school or where your family lives.

**Spouses of a U.S. citizen employed abroad:**

If you are residing outside of the United States, are filing under INA section 319(b), and want USCIS to collect your biometrics in the United States, then you must provide an address in the United States. USCIS will send a letter to that mailing address notifying you when and where to go for biometrics services.

**Applicants receiving benefits under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):**

If you received benefits under VAWA, you are not required to disclose the confidential address of a shelter. If you are residing at a shelter at the time of filing this application, you may provide a "safe address" where you are able to receive mail. If you are not currently residing in a shelter, but have resided in a shelter for part of the reporting period, you may provide the city and state of residence alone.

All address fields will follow this pattern. If they change the country to something other than the United States, the foreign address fields will appear.

**Country**

United States

**Street number and name**

1234 My Street

**Apt/Ste/Flr number**

Apt605

**City or town**

My city

**State**

MO

**ZIP code + 4**

12345

**County**

**Dates of residence**

FROM

mm/dd/yyyy

Month, Day, YearTO

Present

[ Date of submission ]

☐ My physical address is different from my current mailing address.  
USCIS will use this mailing address to contact you throughout the naturalization process. USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address.

List every location you have lived over the past 5 years.

+ Add an address

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CURRENT PHYSICAL ADDRESS

What address should I use?

Country

United States

Street number and name

1234 My Street

Apt/Ste/Flr number

Apt

605

City or town

My city

State

MO

ZIP code + 4

12345

County

Dates of residence

FROM

07/20/2011

TO

Present

July 20, 2011

[ Date of submission ]

☒ My physical address is different from my current mailing address.

USCIS will use this mailing address to contact you throughout the naturalization process. USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address.

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

In care of name (if any)

Country

United States

Street number and name

Apt/Ste/Flr number

Apt

City or town

State

ZIP code + 4

County

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Begin with where you live now.

CURRENT PHYSICAL ADDRESS

What address should I use?

Country

United States

Street number and name

1234 My Street

Apt/Ste/Flr number

Apt

605

City or town

My city

State

MO

ZIP code + 4

12345

County

Dates of residence

FROM

07/20/2011

TO

Present

July 20, 2011

[ Date of submission ]

☐ My physical address is different from my current mailing address.

USCIS will use this mailing address to contact you throughout the naturalization process. USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid mailing address.

List every location you have lived over the past 5 years.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS 2

What address should I use?

Country

Argentina

Street number and name

Apt/Ste/Flr number

Apt

City or town

Province or region

Postal code

Dates of residence

FROM

mm/dd/yyyy

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Month, Day, Year

Remove this address

+ Add an address

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# Travel Outside of the United States

[Name], thanks for letting us know that you have been a lawful permanent resident for [5] years. Now we need to ask you a few questions about time you have spent outside the United States.

List all the trips of 24 hours or longer that you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years.

Include all trips you have taken outside the United States, including short trips that lasted longer than 24 hours and visits to Canada and Mexico.

TRIPS

TOTAL DAYS 

USCIS counts the day you depart from the United States and the day you return as days in the United States.

[+ Add a trip](#)

☐ I have not left the country in the last 5 years.

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Include all trips you have taken outside the United States, including short trips and visits to Canada and Mexico.

TRIPS TOTAL DAYS ?

Date you left the United States	Date you returned to the United States	
<div>10/20/2011</div> <div>October 20, 2011</div>	<div>11/22/2011</div> <div>November 22, 2011</div>	32 days

Countries to which you traveled

Argentina and Chile

✕ Remove this trip

Date you left the United States	Date you returned to the United States	
<div>07/16/2012</div> <div>July 16, 2012</div>	<div>01/13/2013</div> <div>January 13, 2013</div>	<div>⚠ 180 days</div>

Countries to which you traveled

Brazil

✕ Remove this trip

### You may have broken your continuous residence.

If you leave the United States for more than 6 months, but less than a year, you may have broken or disrupted your continuous residence unless you can prove otherwise.

If you have taken any trip outside the United States that lasted 6 months or more since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident, send evidence that you (and your family) continued to live, work, and/or keep ties to the United States, for example:

- An IRS tax return “transcript” or an IRS-certified tax return listing tax information for the last 5 years (or for the last 3 years if you are applying on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen).
- Rent or mortgage payments and pay stubs.

[Learn more](#) ➤

+ Add a trip



#### TOTALS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE

Trips (24 hours or longer) you have taken outside the United States during the last 5 years	2
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---

Total days (24 hours or longer) you spent outside the United States during the last 5 years	212
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## Evidence for Step 1: Basis for Eligibility

Here, you'll provide information that supports your basis for eligibility. If you do not share enough information when you submit your application, USCIS may request evidence, which could delay USCIS from processing your application.

Below is a list of topics you will need to respond to and verify with evidence. You can upload documents now or upload them later in Step 4. Evidence.

✓ Show that you are the applicant.

[View and upload >](#)

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Documents  
attached

✓ Show that you are married to a U.S. citizen.

You must also support that:

- You have been married for at least 3 years.
- Your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least 3 years.
- And you have been living together for at least 3 years.

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attached

Show that you resided in the United States during your trip that lasted 6 months or more.

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Document  
attached

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### Show that you are the applicant.

You have attached 1 of at least 3 types of documents.



**A photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or “Green Card”).**

USCIS must be able to read the information on the photocopy. If you have lost your Permanent Resident Card, attach a copy of any other entry document or a photocopy of a receipt showing that you have filed Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.



 Drag files here to upload or [choose a file.](#)

Maximum file size: 10MB    Accepted file types: JPG, PNG, PDF

#### Uploaded files



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**2 identical color photographs, with your name.**

If your religion requires you to wear a head covering, your facial features must still be exposed in the photo for purposes of identification.

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**The document(s) that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document).**

Only show if your current legal name is different from the name on your Permanent Resident Card

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### Show that you are married to a U.S. citizen.

You must also show that:

- You have been married for at least 3 years.
- Your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least 3 years.
- And you have been living together for at least 3 years.

You have attached 4 of at least 4 types of documents.



#### Evidence that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years:

- Birth certificate (if your spouse never lost citizenship since birth); or
- Certificate of Naturalization; or
- Certificate of Citizenship; or
- The inside front cover and signature page of your spouse’s current U.S. passport; or
- Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

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#### Uploaded files



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#### Your current marriage certificate.

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Maximum file size: 10MB    Accepted file types: JPG, PNG, PDF

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#### Proof of termination of all prior marriages of your spouse (divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificate(s)).

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#### Documents referring to you and your spouse:

- Tax returns, bank accounts, leases, mortgages, or birth certificates of children; or
- Internal Revenue Services (IRS)-certified copies of the income tax forms that you both filed for the last 3 years; or
- An IRS tax return transcript for the last 3 years.

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Show that you resided in the United States during your trip that lasted 6 months or more.

You have attached 0 of at least 1 type of document.

☐

If you have taken any trips outside the United States that lasted 6 months or more since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident, attach evidence that you (and your family) continued to live, work, and/or keep ties to the United States, such as:

- a. An IRS tax return “transcript” or an IRS-certified tax return listing tax information for the last 5 years (or for the last 3 years if you are applying on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen).
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# Summary of Step 1: Basis for Eligibility

Please finish the questions shown below:

<div>Your Name</div> <div>1 of 1 question </div>	Completed
<div>About Your Parents</div> <div>3 of 3 questions </div>	Completed
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Based on your answers to our questions about your eligibility, it appears that the following applies to you:



You are at least 18 years of age and have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 5 years.

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## Marital status

What is your current marital status?

- ☐ Single, never married
- ☒ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Marriage annulled

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## Marital status

[Name], you just let us know you are (or were) married. Now we would like to ask a few questions about your current spouse.

On what date did you marry your current spouse?

mm/dd/yyyy

Month, Day, Year

Is your spouse a U.S. citizen?

☒ Yes ☐ No

When did your current spouse become a U.S. citizen?

☐ At birth ☒ Other

Date your spouse became a U.S. citizen.

mm/dd/yyyy

Month, Day, Year

Is your spouse a current member of the U.S. armed forces?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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You are at least 18 years of age and have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 3 years.

In addition, you have been married to and living with the same U.S. citizen spouse for the last 3 years, and your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years.

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## Military Service

Now we would like to ask a few questions about your military status to find out if you need to answer additional military-related questions.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you scheduled to deploy overseas, including to a vessel, within the next three months?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently stationed overseas?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you **EVER** served in the U.S. armed forces?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### PERIOD OF SERVICE

What is your branch of service?

Select a branch of service



Date service began

mm/dd/yyyy

Month, Day, Year

TO

Date service ended

Present

[ Date of submission ]

What type of service?

What is Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve?

Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve members:

1. Participate in at least 48 scheduled drills or training periods during each year and serve on active duty for training at least 14 days each year; or
2. Participate in training at encampments, maneuvers, outdoor target practice, or other exercises at least 15 days each year.

Includes all active, reserve, and National Guard Service.

☐ Active duty ☐ Selected reserve of the ready reserve

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## Your Basis for Eligibility

Based on your answers to our questions about your eligibility, it appears that the following applies to you:



You are applying on the basis of qualifying military service.

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# Your Basis for Eligibility

Based on your answers to our questions, it appears that the information you provided could not help determine your basis of eligibility.

## What is your basis for eligibility?

- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 5 years.
- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 3 years.  
In addition, you have been married to and living with a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years and your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years at the time you filed your Form N-400.
- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you are a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States and you are the spouse of a U.S. citizen and your U.S. citizen spouse is regularly engaged in specified employment abroad.  
(Section 319(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA))
- ☐ You are applying on the basis of qualifying military service.
- ☐ Other: Religious duties.
- ☐ Other: Employment abroad — media organization.
- ☐ Other: Surviving spouse of military U.S. citizen.
- ☐ Other: Non U.S. citizen nationals residing in the outlying possessions.
- ☐ Other: Service on a U.S. vessel.

☒ Other.  
**Please explain.**

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Continue to the rest of my application >

[Hide other eligibility options](#) —

## How are you eligible for citizenship?

You can only choose one basis for eligibility. You only need to choose an option below if you do not think the basis of eligibility above applies to you.

- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 3 years.  
In addition, you have been married to and living with a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years and your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years at the time you filed your Form N-400.
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- ☒ Other.

Please explain.

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You are at least 18 years of age and have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 5 years.

If you choose, you may be eligible for an exemption from the English language test.

It also appears that you are 50 years old or older and have lived in the United States as a Lawful Permanent Resident for periods totaling at least 20 years.

You may not have to take the English language test, but you do have to take the civics test in the language of your choice. If you want this exemption to the English test, you should bring an interpreter, who is proficient in English and the language of your choice, with you to your interview.

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This is dynamic and based on the customer's age and length of time as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR).



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## Your Basis for Eligibility

Based on your answers to our questions about your eligibility, it appears that the following applies to you:



You are 18 years of age and a non U.S. citizen national residing in the outlying possessions.

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## 1. Basis for Eligibility

In this section, there are **15-21** questions.

In this section we will tell you the basis of eligibility that most closely matches the information you provide by asking you about the following:

- Your Name
- Your Parents
- Your Date of Birth
- Where You Were Born
- Your Permanent Resident Status
- Your Residential Addresses over the Last Five Years
- Your Travel Outside of the United States over the Last Five Years

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## What is your basis for eligibility?

From the options listed below, choose your basis of eligibility. If you are not sure what to select go back to the previous screen and select **I don’t know my basis for eligibility**.

- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 5 years.
- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you have been a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States for at least 3 years.

In addition, you have been married to and living with a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years and your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years at the time you filed your Form N-400.
- ☐ You are at least 18 years of age and you are a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States **and** you are the spouse of a U.S. citizen **and** your U.S. citizen spouse is regularly engaged in specified employment abroad.

(Section 319(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA))
- ☐ You are applying on the basis of qualifying military service.
- ☐ Other: Religious duties.
- ☐ Other: Employment abroad — media organization.
- ☐ Other: Surviving spouse of military U.S. citizen.
- ☐ Other: Non U.S. citizen nationals residing in the outlying possessions.
- ☐ Other: Service on a U.S. vessel.

☒ Other.

Please explain.

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