

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form N-400, Instructions for Application for Naturalization
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- Please note – all instances of “if any” and “if applicable” have been removed from Instructions for Form N-400.

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Current Page Number and Section	Current Text	Proposed Text
Page 1.	[Page 1] [New]	[Page 1] NOTE: You can complete and file this form online at www.uscis.gov/N-400 and save \$10.
Page 2-4, General Instructions	[Page 3] ... Filing Fee. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee and biometric services fee (if applicable). (See the What Is the Filing Fee section of these Instructions.) ... 2. If you need extra space to complete any item in this application; use and attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; and indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers. ... [Page 4]	[Page 3] ... Filing Fee. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee and biometric services fee. (See the What Is the Filing Fee section of these Instructions.) ... 2. If you need extra space to complete any item in this application; use and attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) at the top of each sheet; and indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers. ... [Page 4]

	<p>5. Provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page (if any). Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card). The A-Number on your card consists of a seven to nine digit number, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine digits, place enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine digits on Form N-400. For example, type or print number A1234567 as A001234567 or type or print number A12345678 as A012345678.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>5. Provide your A-Number on the top right corner of each page. Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card). The A-Number on your card consists of a seven to nine digit number, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine digits, place enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine digits on Form N-400. For example, type or print number A1234567 as A001234567 or type or print number A12345678 as A012345678.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 4-10, Specific Instructions</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 2. Your Name Exactly As It Appears on Your Permanent Resident Card (if applicable). Type or print your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card even if it is misspelled or has changed through marriage, divorce, or other court order since you received your card. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have a Permanent Resident Card.</p> <p>[Page 5]</p> <p>Item Number 3. Other Names You Have Used Since Birth (include nicknames, aliases, and maiden name, if applicable). If you have used any other names or aliases, provide them in this section. If you need extra space to complete this section, use a separate sheet of paper.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 5. U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable). Provide your U.S. Social Security number. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have one.</p> <p>Item Number 6. USCIS Online Account Number (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)),</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 2. Your Name Exactly As It Appears on Your Permanent Resident Card. Type or print your name exactly as it appears on your Permanent Resident Card even if it is misspelled or has changed through marriage, divorce, or other court order since you received your card. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have a Permanent Resident Card.</p> <p>[Page 5]</p> <p>Item Number 3. Other Names You Have Used Since Birth (include nicknames, aliases, and maiden name). If you have used any other names or aliases, provide them in this section. If you need extra space to complete this section, use a separate sheet of paper.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 5. U.S. Social Security Number. Provide your U.S. Social Security number. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have one.</p> <p>Item Number 6. USCIS Online Account Number. If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS</p>

	<p>provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 9. Date You Became a Lawful Permanent Resident (if applicable). Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card). Provide the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, type or print August 9, 1988, as 08/09/1988. USCIS may reject your application if you are a lawful permanent resident and do not provide the date you became a lawful permanent resident.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 6]</p> <p>Provide your mailing address if it is different from your current address. Provide “In Care Of Name” information, if applicable.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 8]</p> <p>Begin by providing information about your current and most recent employment, studies, or unemployment, if applicable. Provide the locations and dates where you worked, were self-employed, were unemployed, or have studied during the last 5 years. If you worked for yourself, write “self-employed.” If you were unemployed,</p>	<p>Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Item Number 9. Date You Became a Lawful Permanent Resident. Provide the official date when your permanent residence began as shown on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card). Provide the date in this order: Month, Day, Year. For example, type or print August 9, 1988, as 08/09/1988. USCIS may reject your application if you are a lawful permanent resident and do not provide the date you became a lawful permanent resident.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 6]</p> <p>Provide your mailing address if it is different from your current address. Provide “In Care Of Name” information.</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 8]</p> <p>Begin by providing information about your current and most recent employment, studies, or unemployment. Provide the locations and dates where you worked, were self-employed, were unemployed, or have studied during the last 5 years. If you worked for yourself, write “self-employed.” If you were unemployed, write</p>
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	<p>write “unemployed.”</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 9]</p> <p>Item Number 2. Provide information about all your children listed in Item Number 1., regardless of age. If needed, use a separate sheet of paper to provide the information requested. Provide the following information for each child including the child’s current legal name; A-Number (if applicable); date of birth; country of birth (type or print the name of the country at the time of your child’s birth, even if the name changed); relationship to you (for example, biological child, stepchild, legally adopted child); and current address.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>“unemployed.”</p> <p>...</p> <p>[Page 9]</p> <p>Item Number 2. Provide information about all your children listed in Item Number 1., regardless of age. If needed, use a separate sheet of paper to provide the information requested. Provide the following information for each child including the child’s current legal name; A-Number; date of birth; country of birth (type or print the name of the country at the time of your child’s birth, even if the name changed); relationship to you (for example, biological child, stepchild, legally adopted child); and current address.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 10-14, Required Evidence</p>	<p>[Page 10]</p> <p>...</p> <p>1. Photographs. Only applicants who reside overseas must provide two identical color photographs of yourself taken recently. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. Passport-style photos must be 2” x 2”. The photos must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1” to 1 3/8” from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8” to 1 3/8” from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs. Using a pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and A-Number (if any) on the back of the photo.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[Page 10]</p> <p>...</p> <p>1. Photographs. Only applicants who reside overseas must provide two identical color photographs of yourself taken recently. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. Passport-style photos must be 2” x 2”. The photos must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1” to 1 3/8” from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8” to 1 3/8” from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs. Using a pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and A-Number on the back of the photo.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 14-16, What Is the Filing Fee?</p>	<p>[Page 14]</p> <p>...</p> <p>The filing fee for Form N-400 is \$640. A biometric services fee of \$85 is also required for applicants under 75 years of age when filing Form N-400 regardless of</p>	<p>[Page 14]</p> <p>...</p> <p>The filing fee for Form N-400 is \$1,170.</p>

	<p>where the applicant lives and whether the applicant is filing from within the United States or abroad.</p> <p>NOTE: No filing fee is required for military applicants filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA.</p> <p>Biometric Services Fee Exceptions</p> <p>You do not have to pay a biometric services fee if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are 75 years of age or older; or 2. You are filing under the military provisions, Section 328 or 329 of the INA. <p>USCIS cannot accept a biometric services fee if you are not required to pay a biometric services fee.</p> <p>Rejected Applications</p> <p>...</p> <p>NOTE: You must submit all fees in the exact amounts. The filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. DO NOT MAIL CASH.</p> <p>Payments By Check or Money Order</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your checks or money orders for the Form N-400 filing fee and biometric services fee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The checks or money orders must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and 2. Make the checks or money orders payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. <p>...</p> <p>[Page 15]</p> <p>You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot</p>	<p>NOTE: No filing fee is required for military applicants filing under section 328 or 329 of the INA.</p> <p>[delete]</p> <p>Rejected Applications</p> <p>...</p> <p>NOTE: You must submit all fees in the exact amounts. The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. DO NOT MAIL CASH.</p> <p>Payments By Check or Money Order</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form N-400 filing fee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and 2. Make the check or money order payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security. <p>...</p> <p>You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot</p>
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process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If your check is returned as unpayable, USCIS will re-submit the payment to the financial institution one time. If the check is returned as unpayable a second time, we will reject your application and charge you a returned check fee.

Payments by Credit Card

Use the following guidelines when you complete Form G-1450 to pay your Form N-400 fees by credit card:

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Form N-400 filing fee and biometric services fee are current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify that the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.

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Fee Reduction

You may be eligible for a fee reduction. To qualify for the reduced fee, your household income must be greater than 150 percent and not more than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, at the time of filing, based on your household size. The Federal Poverty Guidelines are established by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services annually. To obtain information on the current Federal Poverty Guidelines, visit our website at www.uscis.gov/I-942P and review Form I-942P, Income Guidelines for Reduced Fees.

If you believe you are eligible for a fee reduction, complete Form I-942, Request for Reduced Fee, and submit it and any required evidence to support your request with this application. If you are under 75 years of age, there is no reduction available for the biometric services fee. If your request for reduced fee is approved you will pay \$320 plus \$85 for a total payment of \$405. You do not have to pay a biometric services fee if you are 75 years of

process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If your check is returned as unpayable, **we may reject your application.**

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	<p>age or older.</p> <p>NOTE: USCIS cannot accept a biometric services fee if you are not required to pay a biometric services fee. USCIS will reject your Form N-400 if you submit the incorrect fee or if you attach payment for more than what you are required to pay. In such a case, USCIS will return any filing fees you submitted with your Form N-400.</p> <p>[Page 16]</p> <p>Fee Waiver</p> <p>You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7(c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver (or a written request) and submit it and any required evidence of your inability to pay the filing fee with this application. You can review the fee waiver guidance at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Fee Waiver</p> <p>Some forms may be eligible for fee waivers as provided in 8 CFR 106.3. For information on fee waivers, see Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver at www.uscis.gov/i-912.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 16-17, Processing Information</p>	<p>[Page 16]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Any Form N-400 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct filing fee and biometric services fee will be rejected. Any application that is not completed in accordance with these Instructions, is missing pages, or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence, may also be rejected. If your Form N-400 is rejected, the application and any fees will be returned to you and you will be notified why the application is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form N-400. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[Page 16]</p> <p>...</p> <p>Any Form N-400 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct filing fee will be rejected. Any application that is not completed in accordance with these Instructions, is missing pages, or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence, may also be rejected. If your Form N-400 is rejected, the application and any fees will be returned to you and you will be notified why the application is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form N-400. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>Page 18, DHS Privacy Notice</p>	<p>[Page 18]</p> <p>...</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you</p>	<p>[Page 18]</p> <p>...</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you</p>

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