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Military Veterans Overseas Policy Manual Update

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) to provide clarification regarding certain naturalization applications filed by veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Background

On Feb. 2, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14012, "Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans" directing federal agencies to identify strategies that promote inclusion and identify barriers that impede access to immigration benefits.

On May 28, USCIS updated the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) Volume 12 Part 1, Chapters 3 and 5 to clarify that some veterans of the U.S. armed forces who served and were honorably discharged from the military

but are now residing outside the United States may be eligible to file [Form N-400, Application for Naturalization](#), to naturalize under Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 329.

This update clarifies that USCIS may coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to schedule a naturalization interview or facilitate the admission or parole of the veteran into the U.S. for the purpose of attending a naturalization interview and ceremony (if approved). This update further promotes consistency across operational guidance and USCIS policy for veterans applying for naturalization.

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