

# Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet

## Instructions

### What Is the Purpose of This Worksheet?

The attached "Eligibility Worksheet" will help you decide if you are eligible to apply for naturalization. **Do not send the completed worksheet to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).**

### Who Should Complete This Worksheet?

If you are 18 years of age or older and are thinking about applying for naturalization based on your years as a Permanent Resident, you should complete this worksheet.

### Who Should Not Use This Worksheet?




You **should not** use this worksheet to decide your eligibility to apply if you are:






- Under 18 years of age and want to apply for naturalization based on your parents' or adopted parents' citizenship (see Questions 25 and 26 on pages 13-15 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on how to obtain citizenship).
- A Permanent Resident whose spouse was a U.S. citizen who died while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (see pages 18 and 19 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on your naturalization requirements).
- Applying for naturalization based on active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces (see pages 18 and 19 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on your naturalization requirements).
- A spouse of a U.S. citizen who is (a) a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, (b) an employee or contractor of the U.S. Government, (c) an employee of an American institution of research, (d) an employee of an American owned firm, (e) an employee of a public international organization, or (f) a clergy member (see pages 20 and 21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information).

### Directions for the Eligibility Worksheet:








1. Answer the questions on the worksheet by checking "True" or "Not True." If you answer "Not True" to certain questions, you may be asked to answer additional questions on pages 3 and 4. Most applicants will **not** need to answer the questions on pages 3 and 4.
2. If you have completed the worksheet and believe you are eligible for naturalization, please call the USCIS Forms Line (**1-800-870-3676**) to request an application (Form N-400), or download the form from the Internet at **www.uscis.gov**.
3. If you have completed the worksheet and you still have questions regarding your eligibility, you should read *A Guide to Naturalization*. You may also wish to get advice from an immigrant assistance organization or immigration attorney.

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	True	Not True	
1. I am at least 18 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization. <b>Exception:</b> You do not need to be at least 18 years old for military naturalization under section 329 of the INA.
2. I am a Permanent Resident of the United States, and I have been issued a Permanent Resident Card (formerly called Alien Registration Card).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	
3. I have been a Permanent Resident for:			
five years or more*			
three to five years*			See Attachment A on Page 3
less than three years		<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

	True	Not True	
4. During the last five years, I have <b>not</b> been out of the United States for 30 months or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	For exceptions, see Attachment B on page 3.
5. During the last five years (or the last three years if I qualify under Attachment A), I have not taken a trip out of the United States that lasted one year or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	For exceptions, see Attachment C on page 3.
6. I have resided in the district or state in which I am applying for citizenship for the last three months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You must wait until you have lived in the state or district for three months to apply.
7. I can read, write and speak basic English.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	For exceptions, see Attachment D on page 4.
8. I know the fundamentals of U.S. history and the form and principles of the U.S. government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	For exceptions, see Attachment E on page 4.
<b>Go to Question 9.</b>			
*Naturalization applicants may file their applications 90 days before they have satisfied the "continuous residence" requirement.			

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	True	Not True	
9. I am a person of good moral character.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
10. One of the following is true: (a) I am female, <b>or</b> (b) I am a male registered with the Selective Service, <b>or</b> (c) I am a male who did not enter the United States under any status until after my 26th birthday, <b>or</b> (d) I am a male who was in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 but who did not register with the Selective Service, and I will send a "Status Information Letter" from the Selective Service explaining why I did not register with my application. (e) I am a male who was in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 as a lawful nonimmigrant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
11. I have never deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
12. I have never received an exemption or discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces on the grounds that I am an alien.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
13. I am willing to perform either military <b>or</b> civilian service for the United States if required by law. ( <b>NOTE:</b> If your religious teachings and beliefs prohibit you from performing military service, you must be willing to perform non-military service.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
14. I will support the Constitution of the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
15. I understand and am willing to take an oath of allegiance to the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

**STOP HERE: You are probably eligible to apply for naturalization. Please call the Forms Line (1-800-870-3676) for an "Application for Naturalization" (Form N-400) and be sure to read *A Guide to Naturalization*.**

# Attachment A - Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet

## I have been a Permanent Resident for three to five years

I am married to, and living with, a U.S. citizen.

True

Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

I have been married to that U.S. citizen for at least the past three years.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

My spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least the past three years.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

During the past three years, I have **not** been out of the country for 18 months or more.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "True" to all four questions, go to Question 5 on page 1.

# Attachment B

## I have been out of the country for 30 months or more

I am: (a) A person who has served on board a vessel operated by or registered in the United States, **or**

(b) An employee or an individual under contract to the U.S. Government, **or**

(c) A person who performs ministerial or priestly functions for a religious denomination or an interdenominational organization with a valid presence in the United States.

True

Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "True," see pages 20 and 21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* to get more information and go to Question 5 on page 1.

# Attachment C

## I have been out of the country for one year or more

Since becoming a Permanent Resident, I have not taken a trip out of the United States that lasted for one year or more without an approved "Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes" (Form N-470).

**NOTE:** Only certain persons can use Form N-470. See Pages 18-21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

If you answered "True," go to Question 6 on page 1.

True

Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

# Attachment D - Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet

## I cannot read, write or speak basic English

I am over 50 years old and have lived in the United States for at least 20 years since I became a Permanent Resident, **or**

I am over 55 years old and have lived in the United States for at least 15 years since I became a Permanent Resident, **or**

I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling this requirement and will be filing a "Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions" (Form N-648) completed and signed by a doctor with my application.

**NOTE:** Only certain people can use this exemption. See pages 26 and 27 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

True



Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "True" to one of these questions, go to Question 8 on page 1.

# Attachment E

## I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling the civics requirement

I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling the civics requirement, and I will be filing "Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions" (Form N-648) completed and signed by a doctor with my application.

**NOTE:** Only certain people can use this exemption. See pages 26 and 27 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

True



Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "True" to the question, go to Question 9 on page 2.