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NATURALIZATION THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE

Special provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) authorize U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to expedite the application and naturalization process for current members of the U.S. armed forces and veterans.

1. QUALIFICATIONS

A member of the U.S. armed forces must have served honorably, be a lawful permanent resident and demonstrate:

- ☐ Good moral character
- ☐ Knowledge of the English language
- ☐ Knowledge of U.S. government and history (civics)
- ☐ An attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution

A person who obtains U.S. citizenship through their military service and separates from the military under "other than honorable conditions" before completing five years of honorable service may have their citizenship revoked.


For more information about eligibility, please visit the USCIS website:
<https://www.uscis.gov/military/naturalization-through-military-service>

2. FILE ONLINE

WHERE CAN I FILE ONLINE?

You can file online at <https://www.uscis.gov/n-400>. Before you start your application, you will be asked to select your basis for eligibility. Please select "qualifying military service" for your eligibility.

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What is your basis for eligibility?

☐ I am at least 18 years of age and have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 5 years.

☐ I am at least 18 years of age and have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 3 years. In addition, I have been married to and living with a U.S. citizen spouse for the last 3 years, and my spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years at the time I filed my Form N-400.

☐ I am at least 18 years of age, I am a lawful permanent resident of the United States, and I am the spouse of a U.S. citizen and my U.S. citizen spouse is regularly engaged in specified employment abroad.

☐ I am applying on the basis of qualifying military service.

☐ Other

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO UPLOAD?

Be prepared to upload the following documents to support your application (where it says original, upload scanned copies of originals and bring the originals to your interview).

- ☐ Both sides of your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).
- ☐ A completed original Form N-426, Certification of Military or Naval Service (<https://www.uscis.gov/n-426>). The first O-6 or higher in your chain of command must certify and sign. Your branch of service must certify the form, e.g., USN must sign for USN, USMC must sign USMC. Do NOT have the form notarized. The certifying official must notate if the service of the individual is "honorable." See N-426 Instructions and N-426 Supplemental (<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/n-426supp.pdf>) to help you and your command complete the form. The certifying official must process the Form N-426 with priority and return it to the servicemember concerned within 30-days of submission.
- ☐ A photocopy of your official military orders.

You may also provide following documents based on your situations and status:

If your current legal name is different from the name on your Permanent Resident Card:

- ☐ The document(s) that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.)

If you were married before:

- ☐ Proof that ALL earlier marriages ended (divorce decree, annulment, or death certificate.)

If you have a dependent spouse or child(ren) who do not live with you:

- ☐ Any court or government order to provide financial support; and
- ☐ Evidence of your financial support (including evidence that you have complied with any court or government order), such as: a. Cancelled checks; b. Money and receipts; c. A court or agency printout of child support payments; d. Evidence of wage garnishments; e. A letter from the parent or guardian who cares for your child(ren).

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If you have ever been arrested or detained by any law enforcement office for any reason and no charges were filed;

- ☐ An original official statement by the arresting agency or applicable court confirming that no charges were filed.

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- ☐ An original or certified copy of the complete arrest record and disposition for each incident (dismissal order, conviction record, or acquittal order).

If you have ever been convicted or placed in an alternative sentencing program or rehabilitative program (such as a drug treatment or community service program);

- ☐ An original or court-certified copy of the sentencing record for each incident; and
- ☐ Evidence that you completed your sentence:
 - a. an original or certified copy of your probation or parole record;
 - or b. evidence that you completed an alternative sentencing program or rehabilitative program.

If you have ever had any arrest or conviction vacated, set aside, sealed, expunged, or otherwise removed from your record;

- ☐ An original or court-certified copy of the court order vacating, setting aside, sealing, expunging, or otherwise removing the arrest or conviction, or an original statement from the court that no record exists of their arrest or conviction.

Note: If you have been arrested or convicted for a crime, you may send any countervailing evidence or evidence in your favor concerning the circumstances of your arrest and/or conviction that you would like USCIS to consider.

If you have ever failed to file an income tax return since they became a Lawful Permanent Resident;

- ☐ All correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding your failure to file.

If you have any Federal, state, or local taxes that are overdue;

- ☐ A signed agreement from the IRS, state, or local tax office showing that you have filed a tax return and arranged to pay the taxes they owe, and
- ☐ Documentation from the IRS, state, or local office showing the current status of your repayment program.

NOTE: You may obtain copies of tax documents and tax information by contacting IRS toll free number at 1-800-829-1040 or IRS international offices at 1-267-941-1000, or through its website at www.irs.gov.

If you did not register with the Selective Service and you (1) are male, (2) are 26 years old or older, and (3) lived in the United States in a status other than as a lawful nonimmigrant between the ages of 18 and 26;

- ☐ A "Status Information Letter" from the Selective Service (Call 1-847-688-6888 for more information).

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3. SEND FORM FD-258

A few weeks after you submit your application on-line, you will receive a letter from USCIS asking you to mail two properly completed **Form FD-258 fingerprint cards and passport-style photos**. You may obtain fingerprint cards at the **base security office**. The FD-258 and/or the cover sheet should clearly indicate where the prints were taken abroad.

The masthead of the form must be completed with:

1. All biographical data of the individual.
2. Address data of both the person being printed and the person taking the prints.
3. Applicant's "A" number in the "OCA" and "Miscellaneous MNU" blocks.
4. Signatures of the applicant and the person taking the fingerprints.
5. "N-400 Military" in the "Reason Printed" block.

4. INTERVIEW

Your application will be forwarded to the **USCIS Guam Field Office**, who will contact you to schedule an interview. Due to COVID-19, interviews and oath ceremonies outside of the U.S. are being held remotely via video conferencing. Once your package is interview ready, USCIS will contact you to schedule an interview appointment.

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Study Material for Civics Test: <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/find-study-materials-and-resources/study-for-the-test>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Please email LegalAssistMCB@usmc.mil stating your full name, your status (AD, dependent, etc) and the reason for your appointment

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