

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST FOR FORM N-400, APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION

EVERYONE

1. A **photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card**
2. **Birth certificate**, with certified translation, if written in a foreign language
3. **Marriage certificate (if ever married)**, with certified translation, if written in a foreign language
4. **A check or money order \$725 for the application fee and the biometric services fee** (Applicants 75 years of age or older are exempted from the \$85 biometrics fee). Write your "A-number" on the back of the check or money order. Make your check or money order out to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security." If your family income is below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, we will prepare a Fee Waiver application on your behalf. Bring your tax return and current paycheck stubs.
5. **2 color passport photos** with your name and "A-number" written lightly in pencil on the back of each photo.
6. **List of home addresses for the past five years**, including the dates you resided at these addresses
7. **List of employer names, dates and addresses for the past five years**
8. **List of all children (biological, adopted or step-children, dead or alive)**, their dates of birth, A# if applicable, and current addressed.
9. **Dates you have been outside of the U.S. since becoming a permanent resident** and the countries you traveled to during these trips

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. **If your current legal name is different from the name on your Permanent Resident Card, bring** the document(s) that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document)
2. **If you are applying for US citizenship based upon marriage to a US citizen bring:**
 - o Proof your spouse had been a citizen for the past 3 years (spouse's birth certificate, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, US passport , or form FS240)
 - o Current marriage certificate;
 - o Proof of termination of all prior marriages of your spouse (divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificate(s));
 - o Document showing that you and your spouse are still living together (examples: tax returns, bank

statements, leases, mortgages, birth certificates of your children, IRS-certified copies of income taxes for the past three years or IRS tax return transcript for the last 3 years).

If you have been married more than one time bring proof that ALL earlier marriages ended (divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificates(s)).

If you have a dependent spouse or children in the United States who do not live with you bring:

- o Any court order to provide financial support;
- o Evidence of your financial support (examples: cancelled checks, money orders receipt, evidence of wage garnishments, or letter from parent of guardian who cares for your children).

Selective Service: In general, all men ages 18 to 25 present in the US (regardless of citizenship or immigration status) are required to register for US Selective Service. If you were required to register at any time when you were in the US, even if you are at an age which does not require you to register now, please bring proof of your registration. If you do not have proof of your registration, go to the Selective Service website (www.sss.gov), enter your name, Social Security number, and birth date, and make a print-out showing that you registered. Bring this print-out with you. Or, you can call (847) 688-2576 to get proof that you registered. You should submit this with your naturalization application. If you did not register, we will prepare a statement explaining why you did not register.

If you have a criminal record, including expunged records, bring a Certificate of Final Disposition from the court where you were convicted.