

## **N-400 Naturalization (to become a US citizen)**

Application for U.S. citizenship. The following requirements must be met to apply.

- Be 18 years old or older
- Be a lawful permanent resident
- Show that you have been physically present in the United States for 5 years.  
(In some cases, this may be 3 years if you are married to a U.S. citizen.)
- Show that you have lived for at least 3 months in the state  
You are applying.
- If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 26, you must register for the  
Selective Service and provide proof of your registration to USCIS.

### **Exceptions:**

- Persons over 50 Years of age and 20 years as permanent Resident can take the  
History and Government exam in their own language.
- Person over 55 years of age and 15 years as Permanent Resident can take the  
History and Government exam in their own language.
- Person over 65 years of age and 20 years as Permanent Resident can take the  
History and Government exam in their own language and just need to study 20  
questions.
- N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions is intended for  
applicants for U.S. citizenship who seek an exception to the English and civics  
testing requirements for naturalization “because of physical or developmental  
disability or mental impairment.