

N-400, Application for Naturalization

PRA-012 Revision Mock Deck

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This mock deck shows the N-400-012 PRA revisions to the flow of the N-400 eligibility tool.

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N-400-012 PRA REV – FILE A FORM

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N-400, Application for Naturalization

Use this form to request to become a U.S. citizen through naturalization. Naturalization is the process you take to voluntarily become a U.S. citizen if you were born outside of the United States.

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Note: If one of your biological or legal adoptive parents are a U.S. citizen by birth, or if he or she naturalized before your 18th birthday, you may already be a U.S. citizen.

In general, you may apply for naturalization when you meet **all** the requirements to become a U.S. citizen. The following general eligibility requirements apply to most naturalization applicants:

- You are at least 18 years of age when you file;
- You have been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for at least 5 years;
- · You have demonstrated continuous residence in the United States for at least 5 years;
- You have lived in the U.S. state or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) district where
 you claim residence for at least 3 months before filing;
- You have demonstrated physical presence in the United States for at least 30 months (913 days);
- You demonstrate good moral character;
- You demonstrate an attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution;
- You demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history and government (also known as "civics") as well as an ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English; **and**
- You are willing to take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, and you are well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States.

Start form

Eligibility Tool

Beginning of tool



Before you begin Form N-400, Application For Naturalization, please answer some simple questions to find out if you can apply for Naturalization

These questions are solely intended to help you determine whether you may be eligible to submit the Application for Naturalization (N-400). This tool does not determine if you are actually eligible for citizenship. After you submit your application, USCIS will review your information and determine if you are eligible for citizenship through naturalization.



Go directly to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(If determine my eligibility)



Were one or both of your parents a U.S. citizen when you were born?





(If yes to U.S. citizen parent)



Were one or both of your parents a U.S. citizen when you were born?



(If yes to U.S. citizen parent)



You may already be a U.S. citizen

You may need to file a different application if one or both of your parents are U.S. citizens. You may file the Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600) if you were born abroad and one or both of your parents are U.S. citizens. You may also submit an application if U.S. law automatically made you a U.S. citizen after your birth. You should learn more about obtaining <u>citizenship through your</u> parents.

Go to the Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600)

Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

Start over

(If no to U.S. citizen parent)



(If no to U.S. citizen parent)



Were one or both of your parents a U.S. citizen when you were born?





(If no to U.S. citizen parent)



(If under 18)



Are you a member of the U.S. armed forces?

U.S. armed forces include the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and certain components of the National Guard and the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve.





(If no to member of armed forces)



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(If no to member of armed forces)



(If yes to member of armed forces)



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(If yes to member of armed forces)



Did you serve honorably in active duty or reserve service in the U.S. armed forces?

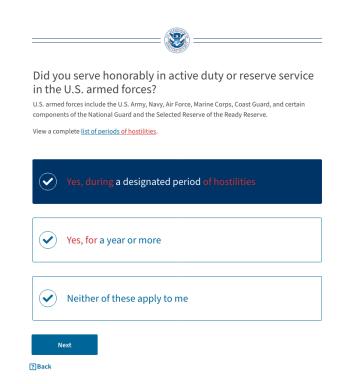
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View a complete list of periods of hostilities.

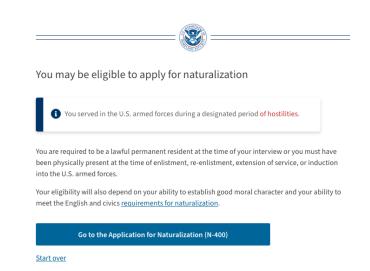
Yes, during a designated period of hostilities
Yes, for a year or more
Neither of these apply to me

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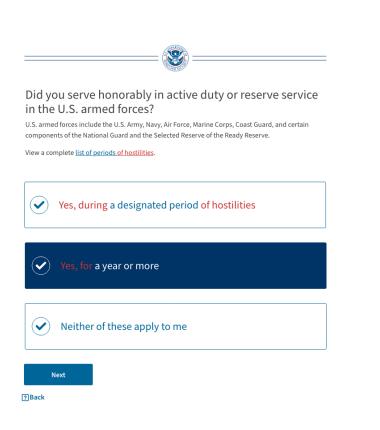
(If yes to "during a designated period of hostilities")



(If yes to "during a designated period of hostilities")





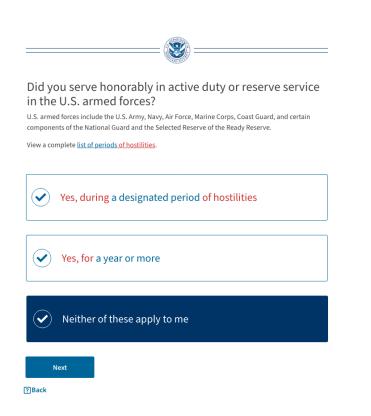


(If yes to "for a year or more")



Start over

(If neither of these apply to me)



(if not a member of armed forces

OR

if 18+ years of age AND member of military AND answered "Neither of these apply to me")



Are you a lawful permanent resident?

A lawful permanent resident is someone who has been granted permanent resident status in the United States under U.S. immigration laws, and normally has a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Card or referred to as a Green Card).





(if not a member of armed forces OR

if 18+ years of age AND member of military AND answered "Neither of these

apply to me")



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A lawful permanent resident is someone who has been granted permanent resident status in the United States under U.S. immigration laws, and normally has a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Card or referred to as a Green Card).





(If no to lawful permanent resident)



Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





(If no to lawful permanent resident)



Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





(If no to married to a U.S. citizen)



Are you a U.S. national?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





(If no to married to a U.S. citizen)



Are you a U.S. national?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





(If not a U.S. national



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

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(If yes to U.S. national)



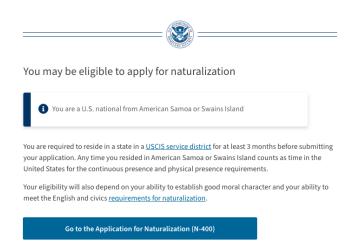
Are you a U.S. national?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





(If yes to U.S. national)



Start over

(If yes to married to U.S. citizen)



Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.







(if married to armed forces member stationed and living overseas)



(if married to armed forces member stationed and living overseas)



Is your spouse an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces who is stationed and living overseas?



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Next

(if yes to spouse active duty)



Are you currently authorized to accompany and reside with your spouse overseas according to his or her official orders, and do you intend to naturalize while abroad?



(if yes to authorized to accompany, and intend to naturalize)



Start over

(if no to spouse active duty)



Is your spouse an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces who is stationed and living overseas?





(if no to spouse active duty)





Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

Start over

(if no to authorized to accompany, and intend to naturalize)



Are you currently authorized to accompany and reside with your spouse overseas according to his or her official orders, and do you intend to naturalize while abroad?





(if no to authorized to accompany, and intend to naturalize)



(if married to citizen with qualified employment)



(if married to citizen with qualified employment)



Do you intend to join your spouse overseas after naturalization?





(if yes to join spouse overseas)





Start over

(if no to join spouse overseas)



Do you intend to join your spouse overseas after naturalization?





(if no to join spouse overseas)



You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

Start over

(if married to U.S. citizen but none of the overseas options apply to them)



(if married to U.S. citizen but none of the overseas options apply to them)



(if yes to lawful permanent resident)



Did you obtain LPR status under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as the spouse or child of a U.S. citizen who subjected you to battery or extreme cruelty?





(if yes to VAWA)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

You are required to be a lawful permanent resident (LPR), demonstrate continuous residence for 3 years after obtaining LPR status, and live in a state or USCIS district for 3 months before you file your application.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.

Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

Start over

(if no to VAWA)



Did you obtain LPR status under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as the spouse or child of a U.S. citizen who subjected you to battery or extreme cruelty?





(if no to VAWA)



(if LPR between [date] and [date])

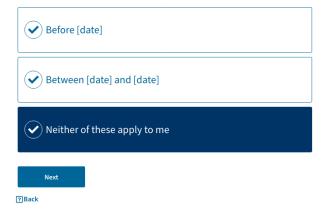
OR

(if neither of these)



Select the statement that applies to you

The date may be located on the front or back of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or referred to as the Green Card), depending on when the card was issued.



(if LPR between [date] and [date])

OR

(if neither of these)



Select the statement that applies to you

The date may be located on the front or back of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or referred to as the Green Card), depending on when the card was issued.



(if LPR between [date] and [date])

OR

(if neither of these)



Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.

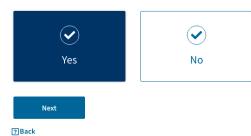




(if YES to married to U.S. citizen)



Have you been married for 3 years or longer?



(if yes to married 3 years or longer)



Has your spouse been a U.S. citizen for 3 years or longer?



(if yes to spouse been citizen for 3 years or longer)



(if yes to left US in past 3 years)



Have any of your trips outside of the United States been longer than 6 months?





(if yes to trips outside US longer than 6 months)



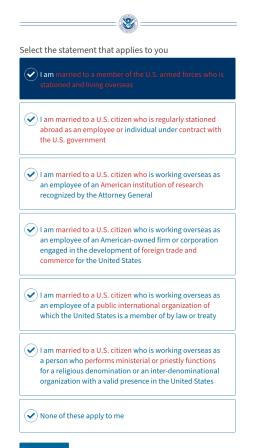
(if yes to moved in past 3 months)



(if no to married 3 years or longer)



(if married to armed forces stationed overseas)





(if married to armed forces stationed overseas)



Is your spouse an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces who is stationed and living overseas?





(if yes to active armed forces living overseas)



Are you currently authorized to accompany and reside with your spouse overseas according to his or her official orders, and do you intend to naturalize while abroad?



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Next

(if yes to currently authorized to accompany)



Start over

(if no to active armed forces living overseas)



Is your spouse an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces who is stationed and living overseas?



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(if no to active armed forces living overseas)





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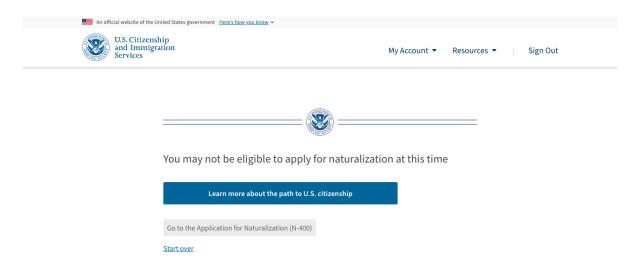
(if no to currently authorized to accompany)



Are you currently authorized to accompany and reside with your spouse overseas according to his or her official orders, and do you intend to naturalize while abroad?



(if no to currently authorized to accompany)



(if married to citizen with qualified employment)



(if married to citizen with qualified employment)



(if yes to join spouse overseas)



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

Start over

(if no to join spouse overseas)



Do you intend to join your spouse overseas after naturalization?





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(if no to join spouse overseas)

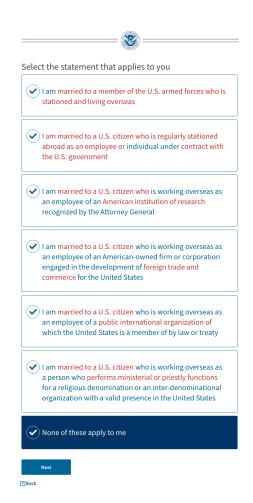


You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if married to U.S. citizen but none of the overseas options apply to them)



(if married to U.S. citizen but none of the overseas options apply to them)

Seleo	et the statement that applies to you
	I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces a the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen
V	I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen
	I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen
	None of these apply to me
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(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



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(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



(if none of the above)



(if none of the above)



You may not be eligible to apply for naturalization at this time



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if not married to U.S. citizen)



Are you married to a U.S. citizen?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





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(if not married to U.S. citizen)



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(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



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(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



(if not married to U.S. citizen and none of these apply to me)



(if yes to U.S. national)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization



You are required to reside in a state in a <u>USCIS service district</u> for at least 3 months before submitting your application. Any time you resided in American Samoa or Swains Island counts as time in the United States for the continuous presence and physical presence requirements.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.



(if not married to U.S. citizen and none of these apply to me)



(if no to U.S. national)



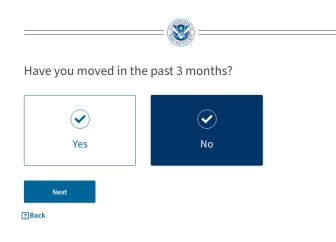


Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if LPR before [date])



(if LPR before [date] and no to left U.S. in past 5 years)



(if LPR before [date] and no to moved in past 3 months)



(if LPR before [date] and no to left U.S. in past 5 years)



Have you moved in the past 3 months?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.





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(if LPR before [date] and yes to moved in past 3 months)



Select the statement that applies to you

✔ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me



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(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if LPR before [date] and yes to moved in past 3 months)



I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces a the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me



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(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

() You are the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces who was a U.S. citizen

In order to be eligible as a parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces, you must show that your child died while serving honorably in active duty status.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.

Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if LPR before [date] and yes to moved in past 3 months)



(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



(if LPR before [date] and yes to moved in past 3 months)

Select the statement that applies to you

 I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

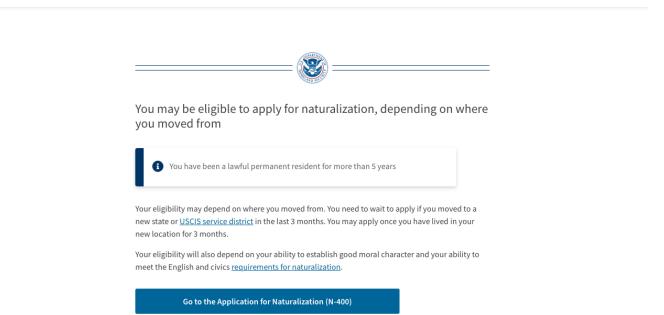
✓ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

 \checkmark None of these apply to me



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(if LPR before [date] and none of these apply to me)



(if LPR before [date])



Have you left the United States in the past 5 years?



(if LPR and yes to left U.S. in past 5 years)



Have any of your trips outside of the United States been longer than 6 months?

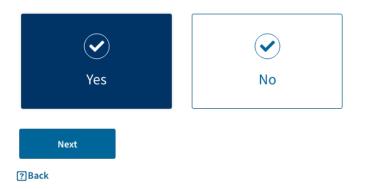


(if LPR and NO to trips outside U.S. longer than 6 months)



Have you moved in the past 3 months?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.



(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

Select the statement that applies to you

✓ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me



(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

Select the statement that applies to you

✓ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me

Next

(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

() You are the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces who was a U.S. citizen

In order to be eligible as a child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces, you must show that your parent died while serving honorably in active duty status.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.

Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

Select the statement that applies to you

✓ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

✔ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me

Next

(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

(i) You are the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces who was a U.S. citizen

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Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

Select the statement that applies to you

✓ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

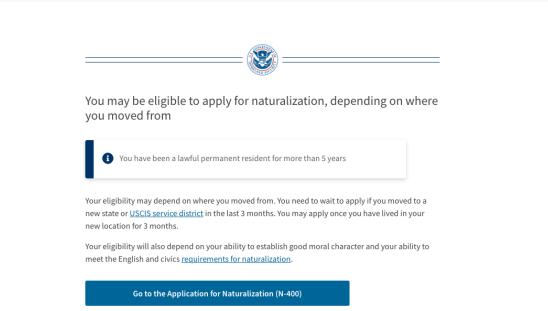
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✓ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me



(if yes to moved in past 3 months AND none of these apply to me)



(if LPR and yes to left U.S. in past 5 years)



Have any of your trips outside of the United States been longer than 6 months?















(if employee under contract to the U.S. govt);
(if ministerial or priestly functions);
(if employed by an American institution of research);
(if employed by American-owned first or corp); or
(if employed by a public international organization)

Have you moved in the past 3 months?

Select no if you are divorced or legally separated, if your marriage was annulled, or if your spouse is deceased.



(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

You may be eligible to apply for naturalization, depending on your travel history and where you moved from

You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and [conditional reason]

Your eligibility may depend on the length of your international travel and the reason you were traveling. If you have been absent from the United States for one year or more, you are required to have an approved Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes (N-470) before you apply for naturalization. You should learn more about continuous residence and physical presence requirements for naturalization.

Your eligibility may depend on where you moved from. You need to wait to apply if you moved to a new state or USCIS service district in the last 3 months. You may apply once you have lived in your new location for 3 months.

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.

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(if employed for U.S. Nonprofit)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

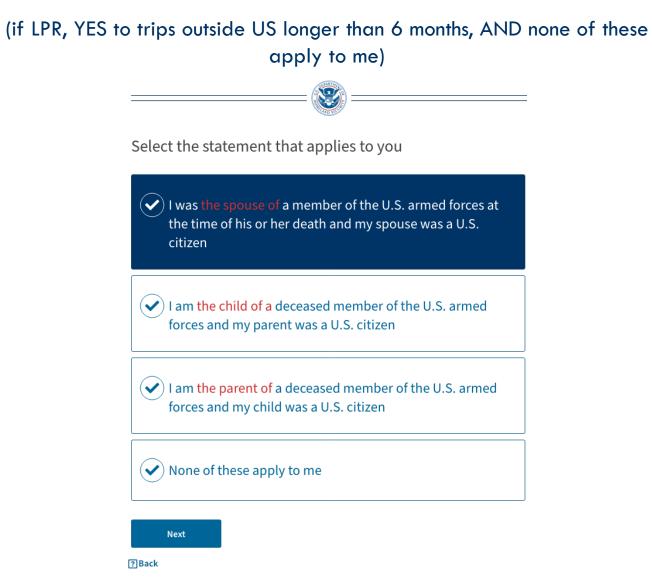
(i) You have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years and you are engaged in qualifying nonprofit employment

Your eligibility will also depend on your ability to establish good moral character and your ability to meet the English and civics <u>requirements for naturalization</u>.

Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if LPR, YES to trips outside US longer than 6 months, AND none of these apply to me)





(if spouse of a U.S. armed force and spouse was U.S. citizen at death)



Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



Select the statement that applies to you

 I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

 I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me



(if child of armed forces and parent was citizen)



You may be eligible to apply for naturalization

() You are the spouse, child, or parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces who was a U.S. citizen

In order to be eligible as a child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces, you must show that your parent died while serving honorably in active duty status.

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Go to the Application for Naturalization (N-400)

(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)

Select the statement that applies to you

✓ I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

I am the child of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my parent was a U.S. citizen

✓ I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

✓ None of these apply to me

Next

(if parent of armed forces and child was citizen)



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(if LPR, YES to trips outside US longer than 6 months, none of these apply to me, AND none of these apply to me)



Select the statement that applies to you

 I was the spouse of a member of the U.S. armed forces at the time of his or her death and my spouse was a U.S. citizen

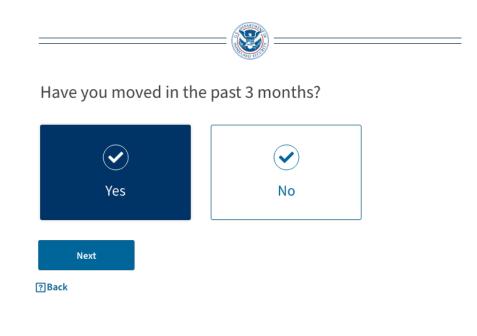
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I am the parent of a deceased member of the U.S. armed forces and my child was a U.S. citizen

 \checkmark None of these apply to me

Next

(if LPR, YES to trips outside US longer than 6 months, none of these apply to me, AND none of these apply to me)



(if yes to moved in past 3 months)

You may be eligible to apply for naturalization, depending on your travel history and where you moved from

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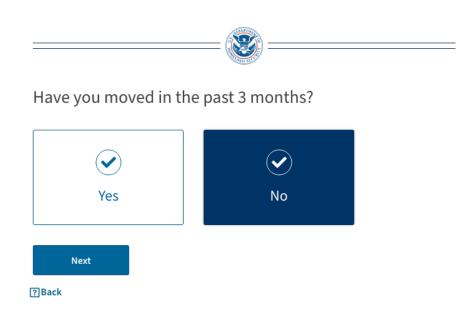
Your eligibility may depend on where you moved from. You need to wait to apply if you moved to a new state or <u>USCIS service district</u> in the last 3 months. You may apply once you have lived in your new location for 3 months.

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You may be eligible to apply for naturalization, depending on your travel history

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