

Citizenship Application Packet

Supporting Document Checklist





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In order to receive apply for citizenship, you'll need to include a series of documents along with your application.

Gather the following documents and visit:

[SimpleCitizen.com/citizenship](https://www.simplecitizen.com/citizenship) to get started on your application!

All applicants must send the following 3 items with their N-400 application:

- A photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or “Green Card”). If you have lost the card, submit a photocopy of the receipt for your Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card; and
- Two identical color photographs, with your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) written lightly in pencil on the back of each photo. For details about the photo requirements, see the N-400 form instructions (PDF, 260 KB) - or Part 5 of Form M-476, A Guide to Naturalization. If your religion requires you to wear a head covering, your facial features must still be exposed in the photo for purposes of identification; and



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A check or money order for the application fee and the biometrics services fee for fingerprinting. (Applicants 75 years of age or older are exempted from fingerprinting and the biometrics services fee). Write your A-Number on the back of the check or money order. You may combine the fees into one check or money order. Make your check or money order payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security.”

If an attorney or accredited representative is acting on your behalf, send:

A completed original Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative.

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

The document(s) that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document)

If you are applying for naturalization on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen, send the following 4 items:

Evidence that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last 3 years:

Birth certificate (if your spouse never lost citizenship since birth);
or

Certificate of Naturalization; or



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- Certificate of Citizenship; or
 - The inside of the front cover and signature page of your spouse's current U.S. passport; or
 - Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America; and
 - Your current marriage certificate; and
 - Proof of termination of all prior marriages of your spouse (divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificate(s)); and
- Documents referring to you and your spouse:
- Tax returns, bank accounts, leases, mortgages, or birth certificates of children; or
 - Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-certified copies of the income tax forms that you both filed for the past 3 years; or
 - An IRS tax return transcript for the last 3 years.

If you have taken any trip outside the United States that lasted 6 months or more since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident, send evidence that you (and your family) continued to live, work and/or keep ties to the United States:

- An IRS tax return "transcript" or an IRS-certified tax return listing tax information for the last 5 years (or for the last 3 years if you are



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- Rent or mortgage payments and pay stubs.

Ready to get started?

After you've collected all your supporting documents, get started on your application at: [SimpleCitizen.com/citizenship](https://www.SimpleCitizen.com/citizenship)