



Instructions for Application for Certificate of Citizenship

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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What Is the Purpose of Form N-600?

Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, is an application for a Certificate of Citizenship.

Who Should File Form N-600?

You should file this application if:

1. You are requesting a Certificate of Citizenship because you were born outside the United States to a U.S. citizen parent; **or**
2. You are requesting a Certificate of Citizenship because you automatically became a citizen of the United States after birth, but before you turned 18 years of age. (A parent or legal guardian can also file Form N-600 on behalf of a minor child.)

Citizenship law has changed over the years and different laws apply to determine whether you automatically became a U.S. citizen at birth, or after birth but before you turned 18 years of age. If you are claiming U.S. citizenship based on your birth abroad to U.S. citizen parents, the law in effect on the date of your birth applies. For purposes of these provisions, you must be the biological child of your U.S. citizen parent, and different provisions apply depending on whether you were born in wedlock or out-of-wedlock.

If you are claiming U.S. citizenship after birth, but before you reached 18 years of age, the law in effect when the last qualifying condition was met is the law that applies to you. Generally, the conditions are listed below.

These conditions must be met before you turn 18 years of age:

1. Your parent must be a U.S. citizen;
2. You must be the biological child of that U.S. citizen parent;
3. You must be lawfully admitted to the United States for lawful permanent residence; **and**
4. You must be living in the United States in the legal and physical custody of your U.S. citizen parent.

You can file Form N-600 at any time if you became a U.S. citizen at birth or after birth, but before you turned 18 years of age. Filing this application is **NOT** a request to become a U.S. citizen. Filing this application is **ONLY** a request to obtain a Certificate of Citizenship which recognizes that you became a citizen on a particular date.

Adopted Child

An adopted child may also acquire U.S. citizenship through his or her adoptive U.S. citizen parent depending on the law being applied. Currently, an adopted child can acquire U.S. citizenship through his or her U.S. citizen parent. However, step children **CANNOT** acquire U.S. citizenship under this provision.

NOTE: If you are now 18 years of age, but all of the above conditions apply to you before your 18th birthday **and** you were under 18 years of age on February 27, 2001 (the date the law took effect), you may file this application to obtain a Certificate of Citizenship. However, if you were under 18 years of age on February 27, 2001, **BUT** not all of the conditions noted above were met prior to your 18th birthday, you must qualify for U.S. citizenship in your own right.

You may file this application if:

1. You claim to have acquired U.S. citizenship through a U.S. citizen parent and are now over 18 years of age; or
2. You are the U.S. citizen parent or legal guardian who has legal and physical custody of an adopted or biological child (under 18 years of age).

Law in Effect at the Time of Your Birth

To determine if you were born a U.S. citizen, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) must look at the law that was in effect at the time of your birth. The current law was enacted on November 14, 1986 **and** was last amended on February 27, 2001 (Child Citizenship Act). If you were born before November 14, 1986, and believe you may be a U.S. citizen, you should contact USCIS by visiting the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov or calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Who Should Not File Form N-600?

You should not file this application if:

1. You do not have at least one biological or adoptive U.S. citizen parent;
2. You are the child of U.S. citizen parents who regularly resides outside the United States. Refer to Form N-600K, Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322;
3. You were born out-of-wedlock, you were not legitimated prior to your 16th birthday, and your U.S. citizen parent is your father;
NOTE: This does not affect you if you were born abroad to an eligible U.S. citizen mother. You may also be eligible for citizenship through the naturalization of your mother.
4. You are seeking to replace a lost or stolen certificate. Refer to Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, for information to replace a lost or stolen certificate; or
5. **You already filed Form N-600 and received a decision from USCIS on that previously filed Form N-600. USCIS will reject (not accept) any subsequently filed Form N-600. Review your Form N-600 denial notice for more information.**

General Instructions

USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Signature. Each application must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this application, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

Filing Fee. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. (See the **What Is the Filing Fee** section of these Instructions.)

Biometric Services Fee. If you file this application with USCIS, you do not need to include a biometric services fee at the time you submit your application. If you are later notified that you must submit biometrics, you will receive a biometric services appointment notice with instructions on how to submit the additional biometric services fee. If you file this application with an agency other than USCIS, please check with that agency to determine if and when you must submit a biometric services fee.

Evidence. At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documentation listed in the **What Evidence Must You Submit** sections of these Instructions.

Biometric Services Appointment. USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application, petition, or request. After USCIS receives your application and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing, if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.

If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

1. You provided or authorized all information in the application;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your application; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your application.

Copies. You should submit legible **photocopies** of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

NOTE: If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, **your original documents may be immediately destroyed upon receipt.**

Translations. If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification should also include the date, the translator's signature and printed name, and may contain the translator's contact information.

How To Fill Out Form N-600

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this application, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed.

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4. Provide your A-Number (if any) on the top right corner of each page. Your A-Number is located on your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration or “Green” Card). The A-Number on your card consists of seven to nine numbers, depending on when your record was created. If the A-Number on your card has fewer than nine numbers, place enough zeros before the first number to make a total of nine numbers on Form N-600. For example, type or print number A1234567 as A001234567 or type or print number A12345678 as A012345678.

Specific Instructions

This application is divided into **Parts 1 - 13**.

Part 1. Information About Your Eligibility

Item Number 1. Select **only one** box that indicates why you are eligible for a Certificate of Citizenship. Select “Other” if the basis for your eligibility is not described in any of the previous categories and type or print the basis for your application on the lines provided. USICS will reject your Form N-600 if you select more than one box.

Part 2. Information About You

You must provide complete information about yourself if you are the person seeking a Certificate of Citizenship. **If you are the U.S. citizen parent** applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor biological or adopted child, submit information relating to **your minor child**.

Item Number 1. Current Legal Name. Provide your legal name. This should be the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by legal action such as marriage, adoption, or court order. **Do not provide a nickname.**

Item Number 2. Your Name Exactly As It Appears On Your Permanent Resident Card (if different from above). Type or print your name exactly as it appears on the card, even if it is misspelled. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have a permanent resident card.

Item Number 3. Other Names You Have Used Since Birth. Type or print any other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this item number, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information**.

Item Number 4. U.S. Social Security Number. Type or print your U.S. Social Security Number. Type or print “N/A” if you do not have one.

Item Number 5. USCIS Online Account Number (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.

Item Number 6. Date of Birth. Provide your date of birth in mm/dd/yyyy format.

Item Number 7. Country of Birth. Provide the name of the country where you were born. Type or print the name of the country where you were born even if the country’s name has since changed or the country no longer exists.

Item Number 8. Country of Prior Citizenship or Nationality. Provide the name of the country of your citizenship or nationality before you became a U.S. citizen. If the country no longer exists or you are stateless, provide the name of the foreign country where you were last a citizen or national. If you are a citizen or national of more than one country, provide the name of the foreign country that issued your latest passport.

Item Number 9. Gender. Indicate whether you are male or female.

Item Number 10. Mailing Address. Provide your mailing address even if it is the same as your physical address. Provide “In Care Of Name” information, if any. You must type or print something in every box, except an apartment, suite, or floor number or “In Care Of Name” if you do not have one, within “Mailing Address.”

NOTE: USCIS may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. If USCIS rejects your application, USCIS may not be able to return the filing fee for Form N-600 to you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. If USCIS cannot return the filing fee, USCIS will cash your check.

Item Number 11. Physical Address (Do not provide a PO Box in this space unless it is your **ONLY** address). Provide the address where you now reside.

Item Number 12. Current Marital Status. Select the marital status you have on the date you file this application. Select “Other” if your marriage was legally terminated and explain the circumstances.

Item Number 13. U.S. Armed Forces. Indicate if you are a member or veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Item Number 14. Information About Your Admission Into the United States and Current Immigration Status.

Item A. Provide information about where you entered the United States and what name you used when you entered.

Item B. Provide information about what documents you presented to enter the United States. Provide your passport or travel document number and date of issuance, if known.

Item C. Provide information about your current immigration status in the United States. Select the box to indicate if you are a lawful permanent resident, a nonimmigrant, a refugee asylee, or other.

Item D. Provide information if you adjusted to lawful permanent resident status while in the United States including the date, USCIS office, and location where USCIS granted your status or location where you were admitted as a lawful permanent resident.

Item Number 15. Previous Application for Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport. If you previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or a U.S. Passport (or you are a U.S. citizen parent who previously applied for a Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport for your minor child), explain in the space provided what happened with that application and whether the Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport was or was not issued. If you need extra space to complete this item number, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information.**

Item Number 16. Permanent Resident Status Abandonment. Indicate if you have ever abandoned or lost your lawful permanent resident status.

Item Number 17. Information on Adoption. If you were adopted, select the appropriate box and if you answer “Yes,” provide information as to the date and place of the adoption and the dates that legal and physical custody began in

Items A. - D.

Item Number 18. Re-Adoption in the United States. Indicate if you have been re-adopted in the United States. (See the **What Evidence Must You Submit** section of these Instructions for more information.)

Item Number 19. Marital Status of Your Parents At Time of Birth (or Adoption). Indicate whether your parents were married to each other at the time of your birth. If you were born out-of-wedlock, indicate “No” even if your parents subsequently married. If you were adopted, indicate whether your adoptive parents were married to each other at the time of your adoption.

NOTE: If you are a U.S. citizen parent applying on behalf of a minor biological or adopted child, indicate whether you were married to his or her parent at the time of your minor child’s birth (or adoption). If your minor child was born out-of-wedlock, indicate “No” even if you subsequently married your child’s biological parent.

Item Number 20. Marital Status of Your Parents After Birth. Indicate whether your parents married after your birth.

Item Number 21. Legal and Physical Custody. Indicate whether you are in the physical and legal custody of your U.S. citizen parent.

Item Number 22. Absences from the United States. Provide the requested information for every trip abroad that you have taken since you first arrived in the United States. Begin with the most recent trip. This information is needed only for persons born before October 10, 1952, who are claiming U.S. citizenship at the time of birth.

Part 3. Biographic Information

Provide the biographic information requested in **Part 3., Item Numbers 1. - 6.** Providing this information as part of your application may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.

Item Numbers 1. - 2. Ethnicity and Race. Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race

- 1. Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (**NOTE:** This category is only included under Ethnicity in **Part 3., Item Number 1.**)
- 2. White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- 3. Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- 4. Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- 5. American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- 6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Item Number 3. Height. Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select “5” for feet and “09” for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

Item Number 4. Weight. Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight, or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter “000.” Do not enter your weight in kilograms.

Item Number 5. Eye Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

Item Number 6. Hair Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

Part 4. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Biological Father (or Adoptive Father)

Item Numbers 1. - 9. If you are claiming citizenship through a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father), provide the full legal name, date of birth, country of birth, country of citizenship or nationality, information on U.S. citizenship, marital history, and physical address of your U.S. citizen father in the spaces provided. Complete **Part 5.** if you are claiming citizenship solely through a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother).

Provide information about yourself if you are a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor child where information is requested about the U.S. citizen father.

Part 5. Information About Your U.S. Citizen Biological Mother (or Adoptive Mother)

Item Numbers 1. - 9. If you are claiming citizenship through a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother), provide the full legal name, date of birth, country of birth, country of citizenship or nationality, information on U.S. citizenship, marital history, and physical address of your U.S. citizen mother in the spaces provided. Complete **Part 4.** if you are claiming citizenship solely through a U.S. citizen biological father (or adoptive father).

Provide information about yourself if you are a U.S. citizen biological mother (or adoptive mother) applying for a Certificate of Citizenship on behalf of your minor child where information is requested about the U.S. citizen mother.

Part 6. Physical Presence in the United States From Birth Until Filing of Form N-600

Item Numbers 1. - 2. Physical Presence. If you were born outside the United States and claim to have been born a U.S. citizen, you are required to provide all the dates when your U.S. citizen biological father or U.S. citizen biological mother resided in the United States. **Include all dates from your birth until the date you file your Form N-600.**

Children of Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or U.S. Government Employees temporarily stationed abroad are generally considered to be “residing in the United States” for purposes of acquisition of citizenship at birth.

Part 7. Information About Military Service of U.S. Citizen Parents (Applicable only for applications filed under the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) section 301(g).)

Item Numbers 1. - 4. Provide the requested information if either U.S. citizen parent served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Also indicate whether he or she was honorably discharged from service.

Part 8. Applicant’s Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Item Numbers 1. - 6. Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this application yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the application, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your application and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every application **MUST** contain the signature of the applicant (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

Part 9. Interpreter’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Item Numbers 1. - 7. If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this application to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the application.

Part 10. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

Item Numbers 1. - 8. This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your application, if other than you, the applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter **and** your preparer, that person should complete both **Part 9.** and **Part 10.** If the person who completed this application is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you complete this application **MUST** sign and date the application. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your application is an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of this application, he or she may be obliged to also submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your application.

Part 11. Additional Information

Item Numbers 1. - 6. If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information.** If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 11.**, you may make copies of **Part 11.** to complete and file with your application, or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number,** and **Item Number** to which your answer refers, and sign and date each sheet.

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed application to review in the future and for your records. We recommend that you review your copy of your completed application before you come to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC. At your appointment, USCIS will permit you to complete the application process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your application is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in good faith at that time, USCIS will require you to return for another appointment.

Part 12. Affidavit (At the time of Interview)

Do **NOT** complete this part unless instructed to do so **AT THE INTERVIEW**.

Part 13. Officer's Report and Recommendation On Application for Certificate of Citizenship

For USCIS use **ONLY**.

What Evidence Must You Submit?

You must submit all evidence requested in these Instructions with your application. If you fail to submit required evidence, USCIS may reject or deny your application for failure to submit requested evidence or supporting documents in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and these Instructions.

Unless specifically noted otherwise, you must submit each of the documents listed below for you and your U.S. citizen parent through whom you are claiming U.S. citizenship at the time of filing to avoid delays in processing your Form N-600. USCIS may require verification for any or all information provided with Form N-600. Additionally, if you are scheduled for an interview with USCIS, you must bring in documentation if information has been updated or has changed after filing.

NOTE: "You" and "your" in this section refers to the individual for whom a Certificate of Citizenship is sought. It is NOT the applicant's parent or legal guardian who may apply on the minor child's behalf.

- 1. Photographs.** You **must** submit two identical color passport-style photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of filing this application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched.

The two identical color passport-style photos must be 2 by 2 inches. The photos must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1 to 1 3/8 inches from top of hair to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8 to 1 3/8 inches from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious denomination of which you are a member. Using a pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and A-Number (if any) on the back of the photo.

- 2. Your Birth Certificate.** You must submit a birth certificate or record issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.
- 3. Birth Certificate or Record of Your U.S. Citizen Parent.** You must submit a birth certificate or record of your U.S. citizen parent issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.

If your U.S. citizen parent applies, your U.S. citizen parent must submit his or her birth certificate or record issued and certified by a civil authority in the country of birth.

- 4. Marriage Certificates of Your U.S. Citizen Parent.** You must submit a marriage certificate issued and certified by a civil authority in the state or country of marriage.

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5. **Documents Showing the Marriage Termination** (if applicable). You must submit a certified divorce decree, death certificate, or annulment document.
 6. **Proof of U.S. Citizenship.** Examples of this are birth certificates showing birth in the United States; a Form N-550, Certificate of Naturalization; a Form N-560, Certificate of Citizenship; a Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of United States Citizen; or a valid unexpired U.S. passport.
 7. **Proof of Status as U.S. National** (only required if you are claiming U.S. citizenship through a U.S. national, such as a person born in American Samoa or Swains Island).

If you were born outside the United States or its outlying possessions, you are born a U.S. citizen if your parents met the following conditions:

- A. Your U.S. citizen parent was physically present in the United States or one of its outlying possessions for a continuous period of one year prior to your birth; and
- B. Your other parent was a national, but not a U.S. citizen.

NOTE: If you have a U.S. citizen parent and a noncitizen parent who is an alien but not a national, your U.S. citizen parent must have met the physical presence requirements prior to your birth.

8. **Proof of Legitimation** (only required if you who were born out-of-wedlock and your father is your U.S. Citizen parent).

For information regarding legitimation see the USCIS Policy Manual at www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume12-PartH.html.

Provide legitimation documentation from the country or state in which you legitimated. Legitimation can also be established according to the laws of your father's residence or your residence.

9. **Proof of Legal and Physical Custody** (only required for applicants whose U.S. citizen parents divorced and/or separated and for applicants who are adopted or legitimated).
10. **Copy of Permanent Resident Card or Other Evidence of Permanent Resident Status** (only required if you are claiming U.S. citizenship after birth through a U.S. citizen parent).
11. **Proof of Required Residence or Physical Presence In the United States.** Any document that proves the U.S citizen parent's residence or physical presence in the United States. This proof may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - A. School, employment, or military records;
 - B. Deeds, mortgages, or leases showing residence;
 - C. Attestations by churches, unions, or other organizations;
 - D. U.S. Social Security quarterly reports; and
 - E. Affidavits of third parties having knowledge of the residence and physical presence.
12. **Copy of Full, Final Adoption Decree** (only required for adopted applicants).
13. **Re-adoption in the United States.** If you had to be re-adopted in the United States, submit evidence of a full and final foreign adoption if the appropriate authority in the applicant's current location of residence recognizes its validity.
14. **Evidence of All Legal Name Changes.** If you legally changed your name, submit evidence of an issued and certified document by the court that authorized the legal name changes.

What If a Document Is Unavailable?

You must provide a typed or printed explanation of the reasons a required document is unavailable and submit secondary evidence to establish eligibility. Secondary evidence must overcome the unavailability of the required documents. USCIS may request an original typed or printed statement from the appropriate government or other legal authority to support your claim that the documents are unavailable.

The following types of **secondary evidence** may be submitted to establish eligibility.

1. **Baptismal Certificate.** Certificate under the church seal where your baptism occurred showing your:
 - A. Place of birth;
 - B. Date of birth;
 - C. Baptism date;
 - D. Parents' names; and
 - E. Godparents' names, if known.
2. **School Record.** An official letter from school authorities for the school attended (preferably the first school) showing your:
 - A. Date of admission to the school;
 - B. Place of birth;
 - C. Date of birth or age at that time; and
 - D. The names and residences of your birth parents, if shown in the school records.
3. **Census Records.** State or Federal census records showing your:
 - A. Name;
 - B. Place of birth; and
 - C. Date of birth or age.
4. **Affidavits** (if other types of secondary evidence are not available).

Typed or printed statements sworn to (or affirmed) by two people who have personal knowledge of the claimed event. Affidavits must overcome the unavailability of both required documents and secondary evidence. Examples of events you may submit an affidavit for include the following:

- A. Your place and date of birth;
- B. Marriage; **or**
- C. Death.

The people making these statements are not required to be U.S. citizens and may be relatives. Each affidavit must contain the following information about the person making the affidavit:

- A. Full legal name;
- B. Address;
- C. Place of birth;
- D. Date of birth;
- E. Relationship to you; and
- F. Detailed information about the event to include how they came to know about its occurrence.

What Is the Filing Fee?

The fee for filing Form N-600 is **\$1,170**.

NOTE: There is no filing fee for Form N-600 if you are a member or veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces filing on your own behalf. You must attach proof of U.S. military service; otherwise USCIS will charge a fee to file the Form N-600. Children of members or veterans of the Armed Forces are required to pay the filing fee for Form N-600.

NOTE: The filing fee is not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.

Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form N-600 filing fee:

1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; **and**
2. Make the check or money order payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

NOTE: Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS.”

3. If you live outside the United States, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate for instructions on the method of payment.

If USCIS rejects your Form N-600 for any of the reasons above, the application and any filing fees will be returned to you if you provided a complete and valid mailing address.

Notice To Those Making Payment by Check.

If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours and your bank will show it on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If your check is returned as unpayable, USCIS will re-submit the payment to the financial institution one time. If the check is returned as unpayable a second time, we will reject your application and charge you a returned check fee.

How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form N-600’s filing fee is current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify that the fees are correct by following one of the steps below.

1. Visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov, select “FORMS,” and check the appropriate fee; or
2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Fee Waiver Request

You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7(c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver (or a written request) and submit it and any required evidence of your inability to pay the filing fee with this application. You can review the fee waiver guidance at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.

Where To File?

Please see our website at www.uscis.gov/n-600 or call our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this application. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Address Change

An applicant who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from his or her previous residence. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/addresschange or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the Lockbox does not process change of address requests.

Processing Information

Initial Processing. Once USCIS accepts your application we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this application, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and USCIS may reject or deny your application.

Requests for More Information. We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your application. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

Requests for Interview. We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your application. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

Decision. The decision on Form N-600 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing.

NOTE: Any Form N-600 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee, except those accompanied by a fee waiver request (Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver), will be rejected. A Form N-600 that is not completed according to these Instructions, is missing pages, or otherwise not executed in its entirety, or is not accompanied by the required initial evidence may be rejected or delayed. You will be notified why the application is considered deficient. You may correct the deficiency and refile Form N-600. An application is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure use of the latest version of this application, visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov where the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information are available. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283**. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at www.uscis.gov. Select "Schedule an appointment online" and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.

Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form N-600, we will deny your Form N-600 and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, the applicant will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this application, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this application is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will use the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your application.

ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this application with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records] which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 1 hour and 35 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the application, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the application. The collection of biometrics is estimated to require 1 hour and 10 minutes. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0057. **Do not mail your completed Form N-600 to this address.**