

Naturalization Preparation Checklist (N-400)

Clarity before applying. Confidence before the interview.

This is not an exhaustive list; additional documents may be requested during the process of completing the N-400.

1. Eligibility Check

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a permanent resident (have a Green Card)
- Have resided in the U.S. for 5 years, or 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen. Continuous residence in the U.S.
- Physical presence: 30 months (5-year rule) or 18 months (3-year rule). Have lived in your current state for at least 3 months
- Good moral character

2. List of Documents

- Green Card (front and back)
- State ID or driver's license
- Social Security number and passports (current and expired)
- Travel history (last 5 years)
- Marriage/divorce certificates
- Tax returns (3–5 years)
- Selective Service proof (if applicable)
- Court documents (if applicable)

3. Timeline

- Confirm eligibility
- Gather documents
- Complete Form N-400
- Submit application and pay fee
- Biometrics appointment

- Interview
- English and civics test
- Decision
- Oath ceremony

Estimated time: 6–12 months.

4. Preparing for the Interview

- Review all answers on the N-400
- Practice English
- Study the 128 civics questions
- Be prepared to explain travel, work, and family
- Arrive early and dress appropriately

Mindset: The interview is a verification process, not a trap.

5. Final Check

- I meet the requirements
- I have my documents organized
- My answers are consistent
- I understand the process
- I am prepared for the interview

Preparation eliminates uncertainty. Clarity reduces errors. Confidence improves results.

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