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Lawful Permanent residents (Green Card holders) whose Green Card has been valid during the 5 years prior can file for US citizenship. You can follow through the US immigration process to attain citizenship. If you are married to a US citizen, you may apply for US citizenship after 3 years with a valid Green Card. There are exceptions. If an applicant has served in the United States Armed Forces during war, that individual may obtain citizenship without first becoming a permanent resident if he or she was in the United States upon enlistment into the US military. A completed Form N-400 (US Citizenship Application) is the required form; it must be filed along with photos and supporting documents. Becoming a US citizen has many advantages. File today for US Citizenship, and don't wait to process your naturalization and immigration forms.

Advantages of U.S. Citizenship

- ▶ **Right to vote:** The ability to elect the leaders of this nation is an exclusive right of US citizens. Becoming one of them gives you the right to vote in federal elections. Get a voice!
- ▶ **Reunite your family in the United States:** To promote family unity, US citizens and legal residents are allowed to petition for certain qualified relatives to come and live permanently in the United States. Usually, only US citizens get priority when petitioning for loved ones. Bring your family to the US!
- ▶ **Obtain citizenship for children born abroad:** If you are a US citizen and your child was born outside of the country, he or she could become a US citizen automatically.
- ▶ **Ability to travel freely across US borders:** Enjoy all the benefits of overseas travel with a US passport! Get assistance from the US government and feel protected during your trips! Remember that as a US citizen the amount of time you spend outside the country is not restricted. Permanent Residents, on the other hand, may lose their status if they leave the country for a certain period of time.
- ▶ **Collect benefits:** Take advantage of US benefits like social security and Medicare.
- ▶ **Become a federal employee:** To be eligible for most federal jobs you need to be a US citizen. You can apply and enjoy the benefits of being a federal worker!
- ▶ **Become an elected official:** Most elected posts in this country require US citizenship. Get the right to participate!

You decided to commit to the journey of immigration to the USA. Complete it.

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Form N-400 is used to apply for US citizenship through the naturalization process. Lawful permanent residents (also known as green card holders) of the United States, who meet the eligibility requirements, can file N-400 form to request citizenship.

US Citizenship Eligibility Requirements

To be able to apply for citizenship through naturalization, you have to meet the following requirements. You should:

- Be 18 years of age or above.
- A lawful permanent resident for 5 years (3 years if married to a US citizen).
- Have maintained continuous residence during the past 5 years (3 years if married to a US citizen).
- Have maintained physical presence during the past 5 years (3 years if married to a US citizen).
- Have good moral character.
- Have basic knowledge of English.
- Have basic knowledge of US government and history.
- Be willing to take the Oath of Allegiance.

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Citizenship Application Form N400 is used for obtaining US Citizenship (naturalization). A completed error-free form N400 should be filed with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) along with photos and supporting documents as outlined in the Citizenship Application filing instructions.

Applying for U.S. Citizenship

Becoming a U.S. citizen has many advantages including the right to vote and the ability to sponsor relatives to come to the United States. The Citizenship Application (Form N-400) is completed by Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card holders) over age 18 who meet the eligibility requirements to apply for US citizenship.

N-400 Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for U.S. citizenship, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have had a valid Green Card at least five years. If you are married to U.S. citizen you may apply after three years with a valid Green Card. Or, if you have served in the United States armed forces during war, you may apply for U.S. citizenship without first obtaining a Green Card if you were in the United States upon enlistment into the U.S. military.
- Have maintained continuous residence in the United States for at least five years (or three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen)
- Have been physically present in the United States for at least two and a half years (or one and half years if you are married to a U.S. citizen)
- Have lived in the state where the Form N-400 is submitted for at least three months
- Be able to read, write and speak English
- Have a general knowledge of the fundamentals of U.S. history and government

Be a person of good moral character and willing to abide by the principles of the U.S. Constitution.

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N-400 Citizenship

Form N-400, *Application for Naturalization*, is the form used by permanent residents (Green Card holders) to become citizens of the United States. There are a number of requirements that need to be met before an immigrant can apply for U.S. citizenship, but the benefits are plentiful.

Some benefits of citizenship include the ability to help your relatives immigrate easier, the right to vote, the right to hold a U.S. passport and the fact that you won't need to apply for Green Card renewal anymore.

What are the requirements for citizenship?

The following are the essential requirements for applying for citizenship, a process called naturalization: * You must hold a green card for five years and continuously reside in the U.S. (meaning that you live there without leaving for trips of six months or longer), * You must be physically present inside the U.S. for at least 30 months before applying * You must have lived in the state where you will submit the application for at least three months * You need to be reasonable proficient in the English language * You need to be familiar with American history, government and society * You need to be able to make an Oath of allegiance (There are some exceptions for those whose religion does not allow oaths).

How long does it take to become a citizen?

After you file Form N-400, the USCIS will try to get you through the process in six months, but there is always the possibility of a backlog of applications or other delays.

How do I file for citizenship using Form N-400?

You must correctly complete Form N-400 and attach all required documents. This includes documents that will help the USCIS decide whether you have good moral character, such as criminal records and tax records.

After you file your application, the USCIS will send you a letter telling you when and where you will go to have your biometrics taken. You will need to bring your notice letter, green card and a second form of identification. The USCIS will also notify you of a time and place to be interviewed. The interview includes a test of your ability to read, write and speak English. You will also be asked up to 10 questions about U.S. civics. A person who fails either part of the test will be retested on that part

60 to 90 days later.

People who can't take the English or civics test because of physical or mental disabilities can request an exemption by filing Form N-648, Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions (a doctor must complete and sign it).

Are there special circumstances for getting citizenship?

Less than 10 percent of the time, special circumstances, such as marriage to a U.S. citizen or active service in the U.S. military, may make you eligible for naturalization without having held a green card, holding a green card for less than five years, or having less than five years of continuous presence.

Individuals who have been removed from the U.S. or who are in a removal proceeding cannot apply for naturalization, unless they're serving in the U.S. military.

When do I actually become a U.S. Citizen?

Once the USCIS approves your application, you'll attend a ceremony to take the Oath of Allegiance to the U.S. By taking the oath, you promise to be loyal to the U.S. and its laws, to not be loyal to any other nation and to serve the U.S. when required. Once you've completed the oath, you'll be a U.S. citizen!

You'll exchange your green card for a Certificate of Naturalization at the ceremony.

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