

# Naturalization Test Guide

**Naturalization** is commonly referred to as the manner in which a person not born in the United States voluntarily becomes a citizen. You are required to take the test if you are not a native born to be considered a citizen of the United States.

## Benefits for taking the test:

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Taking the naturalization test not only grants you full citizenship in the United States but also other benefits as well.

- Voting. Only U.S. citizens can vote in Federal elections. Most States also restrict the right to vote, in most elections, to U.S. citizens.
- Bringing family members to the United States. Citizens generally get priority when petitioning to bring family members permanently to this country.
- Traveling with a U.S. passport. A U.S. passport allows you to get assistance from the U.S. government when overseas.
- Obtaining citizenship for children born abroad. In most cases, a child born abroad to a U.S. citizen is automatically a U.S. citizen.

## If you need extra help:

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- Customer service: if you need any help with the process or any extra information, (1-800-375-5283)
- Adult Education Classes: They are classes available for you that can help you take the test. Usually these classes will explain to you the process, and give you a practice test.
- USCIS Information Counters: If you have questions that have not been answered either by this Guide or by the other resources listed here, you may always go to the information counter at your local USCIS office. There you may speak directly to a USCIS representative.

## The Process:

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- Preparing to Apply; Complete the Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet
  - Pay the fee of \$680.00
- Completing Your Application and Getting Photographed
- Getting Fingerprinted
- Being Interviewed
- Taking the Oath

## USCIS Main Website:

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<https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/citizenship-through-naturalization/guide-naturalization>

## Locations of USCIS Office:

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<https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-uscis-office>

## Frequently Asked Questions:

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<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/article/chapter3.pdf>

## In-depth Guide of the Process:

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<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/article/chapter5.pdf>

## Document Checklist / Accessibility:

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<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/article/attachments.pdf>

## Application / Guide:

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Form: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/n-400.pdf>

Guidance: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/n-400instr.pdf>