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# Applying for Naturalization (US Citizenship)

Filing Fees (changed in 2024) ~*NO BIOMETRICS FEE*~

**Standard Filing Fee: \$760 Standard Online Filing Fee: \$710**

**Reduced Filing Fee: \$380**

(Applicants with a household income between 150% - 400% Poverty Guidelines)

**Fee Waiver: \$0** (Applicants with household income below 150% Federal Poverty Guidelines, currently receive a means-tested benefit, or experiencing an extreme financial hardship)

## APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP (NATURALIZATION)

**2024 changes to N400 filing fees.pdf**

### Who can apply for US citizenship?

In general, a legal permanent resident can naturalization to obtain citizenship once they have been a resident for five years.

**\*\*Conditional Residents—\*\***A noncitizen who was initially granted *conditional* residency (though a marriage that took place less than two years prior to the issuance of residency) must get the conditions removed before they can obtain citizenship.

## **Exception for the Spouse of US Citizen**

the spouse of a U.S. citizen who resides in the United States may be eligible for naturalization based on the marriage under section 319(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

**I just got legal permanent resident status (I got a green card) , when can I apply for citizenship?**

In five years unless you are married to a US citizen, then you can apply in three years if you are still married and living together as a married couple.

**Can I apply for US citizenship if I am not a permanent resident?**

No.

## **CITIZENSHIP AFTER THREE YEARS**

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See INA 319(a) & See 8 CFR 319.1

### **INA 319(a)**

(a) Any person whose spouse is a citizen of the United States, or any person who obtained status as a lawful permanent resident by reason of his or her status as a spouse or child of a United States citizen who battered him or her or subjected him or her to extreme cruelty, may be naturalized upon compliance with all the requirements of this subchapter except the provisions of paragraph (1) of section 1427(a) of this title if such person immediately preceding the date of filing his application for naturalization has resided continuously, after being lawfully admitted for permanent residence, within the United States for at least three years, and during the three years immediately preceding the date of filing his application has been living in marital union with the citizen spouse

(except in the case of a person who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a United States citizen spouse or parent), who has been a United States citizen during all of such period, and has been physically present in the United States for periods totaling at least half of that time and has resided within the State or the district of the Service in the United States in which the applicant filed his application for at least three months.

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