

Exceptions to the English Requirement

EXCEPTIONS TO THE ENGLISH EXAMINATION FOR US CITIZENSHIP

Exceptions [INA 312(b)]	Educational Requirements	
	**English:	
Read, write, speak, and understand**	**Civics:	
Knowledge of U.S. history and government**		
Age 50 or older and resided in the United States as a lawful permanent resident (LPR) for at least 20 years at time of filing	Exempt	Still required. Applicants may take civics test in their language of choice using an interpreter.

Exceptions [INA 312(b)]	Educational Requirements	
Age 55 or older and resided in the United States as an LPR for at least 15 years at time of filing	Exempt	
Age 65 or older and resided in the United States as an LPR for at least 20 years at time of filing	Exempt	Still required but officers administer specially designated test forms. Applicants may take the civics test in their language of choice using an interpreter.
Medical Disability Exception (Form N-648)	May be exempt from English, civics, or both	

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