

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Citizenship research: identity, family and residence records

Which records should I organize before asking a citizenship question?

Start by identifying whether the question concerns naturalization, a certificate documenting citizenship or another citizenship process. Organize identity, family, immigration and chronology records accordingly. A single generic list cannot determine which citizenship law applies or whether someone is already a citizen.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Describe the citizenship question before selecting a packet.
- ☐ Separate naturalization from certificate research.
- ☐ Index identity and family records as issued.
- ☐ Connect chronology entries to source documents.
- ☐ Group unresolved questions without calculating eligibility.
- ☐ Use current instructions and a private review process.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: N-400: Naturalization

<https://www.uscis.gov/n-400>

USCIS: N-600: Certificate of Citizenship

<https://www.uscis.gov/n-600>

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Source links (continued)

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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