

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form N-648: disability exception and naturalization accommodations

Who may certify Form N-648, what must the medical explanation show and how is it different from an accommodation?

N-648 supports a disability exception to naturalization English, civics or both requirements. A licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy or clinical psychologist must explain how the medically determinable impairment prevents the applicant from meeting the relevant requirement, even with reasonable accommodation. A diagnosis label, illiteracy or appointment-access difficulty alone is not that explanation.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Confirm that the certifier is a licensed MD, DO or clinical psychologist under the applicable requirements.
- ☐ Give the clinician accurate records without supplying a sample diagnosis or invented symptoms.
- ☐ Check that the explanation connects the actual impairment to inability to meet English, civics or both.
- ☐ Distinguish an accommodation request from a medical exception and from an age/residence English exception.
- ☐ Record interpreter use and obtain the required applicant, interpreter and clinician certifications.
- ☐ Read the current N-400/N-648 submission guidance and any USCIS request before sending the certification.

Notes and questions to follow up

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Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Form N-648: disability exception and naturalization accommodations

<https://www.uscis.gov/n-648>

USCIS: USCIS Policy Manual: medical disability exception

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-12-part-e-chapter-3>

USCIS: Information for medical professionals completing Form N-648

<https://www.uscis.gov/forms/all-forms/information-for-medical-professionals-completing-form-n-648>

Office of the Federal Register / eCFR: 8 CFR 312.1: English requirements and separate exceptions

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-8/section-312.1>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/forms/n-648/>

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