

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form N-400: naturalization research and a usable records timeline

Is N-400 the form for every U.S. citizenship question?

No. N-400 is an application for naturalization. Questions about documenting citizenship that may already exist are different from applying to become a citizen through naturalization. Identify the citizenship question and the relevant records before assuming that every citizenship process uses N-400.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Describe whether the question concerns naturalization or existing citizenship.
- ☐ Gather complete relevant immigration notices.
- ☐ Build a private address and travel timeline with sources.
- ☐ Record name variations and supporting civil records.
- ☐ List gaps rather than guessing missing information.
- ☐ Read the current N-400 instructions before relying on saved guidance.

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: Policy Manual: evidence

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

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