

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form N-600: citizenship certificates and family-record research

Is a Certificate of Citizenship request the same as naturalization?

No. N-600 is the USCIS application for a Certificate of Citizenship. Naturalization uses a different application and addresses a different citizenship question. A family history or a parent's citizenship record requires careful source-based review before any conclusion about an individual's citizenship.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the citizenship-document question in plain language.
- ☐ Separate a certificate request from naturalization research.
- ☐ Map relevant relationships to official civil records.
- ☐ Keep documented names and name changes distinct.
- ☐ Build a chronology without drawing a legal conclusion.
- ☐ Read the current N-600 instructions and seek qualified review where needed.

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-600: Certificate of Citizenship

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

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

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

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