

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Military naturalization: service frameworks and official service evidence

Does military service automatically make someone a U.S. citizen?

Military service does not itself complete naturalization. USCIS distinguishes the INA 328 and INA 329 service frameworks and requires the applicable application and evidence. Current service certification and separation records serve different roles; USCIS review, examination and the oath remain part of the process.

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 service history and applicable statutory framework.
- ☐ Use the relevant military authority for official service certification.
- ☐ Preserve complete separation records and any corrections.
- ☐ Distinguish military service from application approval and the oath.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Naturalization through military service

<https://www.uscis.gov/military/naturalization-through-military-service>

USCIS: N-400: Naturalization

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

USCIS: Naturalization ceremonies

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learn-about-citizenship/naturalization-ceremonies>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

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

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