For an adult immigrant to become a U.S. citizen, he or she must go through the process of naturalization. GENERAL requirements for naturalization call for the immigrant to:

- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of U.S. history, government, and civic principles
- Demonstrate an ability to read, write, speak, and understand basic English
- Demonstrate an attachment to the principles and ideals of the U.S. Constitution
- Have demonstrated good moral character
- Have lived within the State or USCIS District for at least 3 months prior to filing
- Receive a Certificate of Naturalization
- Be at least 18 years old at the time of filing the Application for Naturalization (Form N-400)
- Be a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States
- Have demonstrated continuous permanent residence
- Have demonstrated physical presence
- At the time of filing the application, have been a permanent resident in the United States for at least 5 years (or for at least 3 years if you meet all eligibility requirements to file as a spouse of a United States citizen)

**Pathway to U.S. Citizenship**

**Prepare for the Naturalization Test**

**What should I expect at my naturalization interview?**

At your naturalization interview, you will be required to answer questions about your application and background. A USCIS Officer will test your ability to read, write, speak, and understand English (unless you are exempt from the English requirements). You will also be given a civics test in English to test your knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government. You will be given two opportunities to take the English and civics test and to answer all questions relating to your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, in English. If you fail any of the tests during your initial interview, you will be retested on the portion of the test that you failed between 60 and 90 days from the date of your initial interview.

Applicants who are age 65 or older and have been a permanent resident for at least 20 years at the time of filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, are only required to study 20 of the 100 civics test questions for the naturalization test. These questions are flagged with an asterisk (*) in this brochure.

For information on exceptions or modifications to the English and civics requirements for naturalization, see "Exceptions and Accommodations" available at uscis.gov/citizenship.

**Study Materials for the Naturalization Test**

**What study materials are available and how can I find English language, civics, and/or citizenship classes?**

The USCIS Office of Citizenship has developed a variety of study materials for the naturalization test. These materials include:

- **Civics Flash Cards**
- **Vocabulary Flash Cards**
- **Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons**
- **The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test**

All materials are available on the Citizenship Resource Center at uscis.gov/citizenship.

**• Learn About the United States: Quick Civics Lessons**

As you prepare for U.S. citizenship, this resource will help you study for the civics and English portions of the naturalization test. Learn About the United States Quick Civics Lessons contains short lessons based on each of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers. All materials are available on the Citizenship Resource Center at uscis.gov/citizenship.

**• Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test**

With historical photos and informative captions, the Civics Flash Cards cover each of the 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers.

**• Vocabulary Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test**

These easy-to-use flash cards contain vocabulary words to help you study for the English reading and writing portions of the naturalization test.

**The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test**

This video provides an overview of the naturalization process, including eligibility requirements, the application process, the naturalization interview, and the naturalization test.

**Other Helpful USCIS Resources**

USCIS offers a number of resources to help you find information on eligibility and testing requirements, the application process, and study materials. You can also learn more about citizenship rights and responsibilities and find a free information session in your area.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

The government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. Visit this website for information related to immigration.

uscis.gov

Citizenship Resource Center

Provides learners, teachers, and organizations with a one-stop resource for locating citizenship preparation materials.

uscis.gov/citizenship

Form N-400, Application for Naturalization

Submit this form to apply for U.S. citizenship.

uscis.gov/n-400

Naturalization Information Sessions

USCIS regularly holds free information sessions for the public on naturalization eligibility requirements, the naturalization process, and the naturalization test. Find a session in your area.

uscis.gov/citizenshipsessions

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Components of the Naturalization Test

Civics Test

An applicant will be asked up to 10 questions from the list below. Applicants must answer correctly six of the 10 questions to pass the civics test.

**American Government**
- What is the supreme law of the land?
- Who makes the Constitution?
- The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are those words?
- What is an amendment?
- What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
- What is each Right or Freedom from the First Amendment?
- How many amendments does the Constitution have?
- What did the Declaration of Independence do?
- What are your rights in the Declaration of Independence?
- What is freedom of religion?
- What is the economic system in the United States?
- What is the "rule of law"?

**Integrated Civics**
- Name one branch or part of the government.
- What stops a branch of government from becoming too powerful?
- Who is in charge of the executive branch?
- What makes federal laws?
- What are the parts of the United States Congress?
- How many U.S. Senators are there?
- We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
- Who is a U.S. Senator from your state?
- The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
- We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
- Who is your U.S. Representative?
- Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
- Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
- We elect a President for how many years?
- In what month do we vote for President?
- What is the name of the President of the United States now?
- If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
- Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
- Who signs bills to become laws?
- Who writes bills?
- What does the President's Cabinet do?
- What are cabinet-level positions?
- What does the judicial branch do?
- What is the highest court in the United States?
- How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

**American History**
- Colonial Period and Independence
  - What is a revolution and when did it occur?
  - What is the Declaration of Independence?
  - What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
  - Why did the colonies fight for independence?
  - Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
  - When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
  - There were 13 original states. Name them.
  - What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
  - When was the Constitution written?
  - The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name three of the writers.
  - What does the statue of Liberty symbolize?
  - Why was Benjamin Franklin famous?
  - Who is "Father of Our Country"?
  - Who was the first President?

**Reading Vocabulary**
- Each reading test administered to an applicant contains no more than three sentences. Applicants must read 1 out of 3 sentences correctly to demonstrate an ability to read in English. To help applicants prepare, USCIS provides a reading vocabulary list containing all the words found in the English reading portion of the test. The content focuses on civics and history topics.

**Speaking**
An applicant’s ability to speak English will be determined by the USCIS Officer from the applicant’s answers to questions normally asked during the interview. The USCIS application includes a question that asks the applicant if they want to speak English in the interview. The content focuses on civics and history topics.

**Places**
- America
- United States
- U.S.

**Holidays**
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Thanksgiving

**Other (Function)**
- a
- b
- c
- d
- e
- f
- g
- h
- i
- j
- k
- l
- m
- n
- o
- p
- q
- r
- s
- t
- u
- v
- w
- x
- y
- z

**Other (Function)**
- Alaska
- Alabama
- California
- Canada
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

**Other (Content)**
- dollar bill
- dollar coin
- bill
- coin
- cash
- currency
- money
- currency
- tax
- taxes
- income tax

**Months**
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November

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