

# **Instructions for Request for Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings Under Section 336**

**Department of Homeland Security** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Form N-336
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# What Is the Purpose of Form N-336?

You should use Form N-336, Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings under Section 336, to request a hearing before an immigration officer on the denial of your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.

#### When Should You File Form N-336?

You should file your request for a hearing (Form N-336) within 30 calendar days of receiving the decision denying your Form N-400.

Generally, USCIS will reject a request that is not timely filed. However, if you do not timely file your request for a hearing, but it meets the requirements for a motion to reopen or motion to reconsider, USCIS will reopen or reconsider your case and send you a decision.

**Supporting Documents.** You may submit any additional documents or briefs to support your Form N-336 at the time of filing your Form N-336 or at the time of your Form N-336 hearing.

# **General Instructions**

We provide free forms through the USCIS website. To view, print, or complete our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <a href="http://get.adobe.com/reader/">http://get.adobe.com/reader/</a>.

**Signature.** You (or your signing authority) must properly complete your request. USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of any signature on this request. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the request on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person. If your request is not signed, or if the signature is not valid, we will reject your request. See 8 CFR 103.2(a)(7)(ii)(A). If USCIS accepts a request for adjudication and determines that it has a deficient signature, USCIS may deny the request.

**Validity of Signatures.** USCIS will consider a photocopied, faxed, or scanned copy of an original handwritten signature as valid for filing purposes. The photocopy, fax, or scan must be of the original document containing the handwritten ink signature.

**Filing Fee.** See Form G-1055, available at <u>www.uscis.gov/forms</u>, for specific information about the fees applicable to this form.

**Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require you to appear for an interview or provide biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application or petition. If we determine that a biometric services appointment is necessary, we will send you an appointment notice with the date, time, and location of your appointment. If you are currently overseas, your notice will instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to schedule an appointment.

At your biometrics appointment, you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1. You provided or authorized all information in the request,
- 2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your request, and
- 3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you do not attend your biometric services appointment, we may deny your request.

**Copies.** You should submit legible photocopies of requested documents unless the Instructions specifically instruct you to submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at any time during our process. If we request an original document from you, we will return it to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs the original.

NOTE: If you submit original documents when they are not required or requested, USCIS may destroy them after we receive them.

**Translations.** If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that they are competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must also include their signature, printed name, the signature date, and their contact information.

USCIS Contact Center. For additional information on the request and Instructions about where to file, change of address, and other questions, visit the USCIS Contact Center at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter">www.uscis.gov/contactcenter</a> or call at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish.

**Disability Accommodations/Modifications.** To request a disability accommodation/modification, follow the instructions on your appointment notice or at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/accommodationsinfo">www.uscis.gov/accommodationsinfo</a>.

## **How To Complete Form N-336**

- 1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
- 2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this request, use the space provided in **Part 8. Additional**Information or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
- 3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks, "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None" unless otherwise directed.
- **4.** Provide your Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the top right corner of each page. It begins with an "A" and can be found on correspondence you have received from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or USCIS. If you do not have an A-Number, type or print "N/A."

# **Specific Instructions**

This request is divided into nine parts.

#### Part 1. Information About You, the Naturalization Applicant

**Item Number 1.** Current Legal Name. Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate unless it has been changed after birth by a legal action such as a marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname.

Item Number 2. Other Names Used (if any). Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information.

**Item Number 3. Date of Birth.** Provide your date of birth in the mm/dd/yyyy format. For example, type or print May 1, 1958, as 05/01/1958.

**Item Number 4. USCIS Online Account Number.** You will only have a USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) if you previously filed a form that has a receipt number that begins with IOE. If you filed the form online, you can find your OAN in your account profile. If you mailed us the form, you can find your OAN at the top of the Account Access Notice we sent you. If you do not have a receipt number that begins with IOE, you do not have an OAN. The OAN is not the same as an A-Number.

**Item Number 5. Physical Address.** Provide the address where you now reside. If you received benefits under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) you may provide your safe address. Do not provide a Post Office (PO) Box number here unless that is your **ONLY** address.

If you reside outside the United States: If you do not have a State or Province, enter the name of your city again in that box. If you do not have a ZIP or Postal Code, enter 00000 in the ZIP or Postal Code box.

**Item Number 6. Mailing Address.** Provide the address where you would like to receive written correspondence regarding your request.

Item Number 7. Contact Information. Enter your contact information in Items A. - B.

# Part 2. Information About Form N-400 Denial On Which You (the Naturalization Applicant) Are Requesting a Hearing

**Item Number 1. Form N-400 Receipt Number.** Provide the Form N-400 receipt number for which you are requesting a hearing. The receipt number is located on the receipt notice you received after you filed your Form N-400 with USCIS. It appears in the upper left corner of your notice.

**Item Number 2. Date of Form N-400 Denial Notice** (mm/dd/yyyy). Provide the date that USCIS denied your Form N-400.

Item Number 3. USCIS Office That Issued Form N-400 Denial Notice. Provide the location of the USCIS local office that issued the denial.

#### Part 3. Biographic Information

Provide the biographic information requested. Providing this information as part of your request may reduce the time you spend at your USCIS ASC appointment as described in the **Biometric Services Appointment** section of these Instructions.

Item Numbers 1. - 2. Ethnicity and Race. Select the boxes that best describe your ethnicity and race.

# Categories and Definitions for Ethnicity and Race

- 1. **Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. (NOTE: This category is only included under Ethnicity in Part 3., Item Number 1.)
- 2. American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- **3. Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- 4. Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- 5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**6.** White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Item Number 3. Height.** Select the values that best match your height in feet and inches. For example, if you are five feet and nine inches, select "5" for feet and "09" for inches. Do not enter your height in meters or centimeters.

**Item Number 4. Weight.** Enter your weight in pounds. If you do not know your weight, or need to enter a weight under 30 pounds or over 699 pounds, enter "000." Do not enter your weight in kilograms.

**Item Number 5.** Eye Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your eyes.

Item Number 6. Hair Color. Select the box that best describes the color of your hair.

### Part 4. Reason You Are Requesting a Hearing

Provide the reasons you are requesting a hearing on your denied Form N-400. You may attach additional documents or briefs to support your Form N-336.

#### Part 5. Naturalization Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

**Item Numbers 1. - 6.** Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this request yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the request, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your request and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every request **MUST** contain the signature of the naturalization applicant (or legal guardian, surrogate, or designated representative, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.

#### Part 6. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

**Item Numbers 1. - 7.** If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this request to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section; provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the request.

# Part 7. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Request, if Other Than the Naturalization Applicant

Item Numbers 1. - 8. This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your request, if other than you, the naturalization applicant. If the same individual acted as your interpreter and your preparer, that person should complete both Part 6. and Part 7. If the person who completed this request is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you complete this request MUST sign and date the request. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your request is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may also need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with your request.

We recommend that you review your copy of your completed request before you go to your biometric services appointment at a USCIS ASC. At your appointment, USCIS will allow you to complete the request process only if you are able to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in your request is complete, true, and correct. If you are not able to make that attestation in good faith at that time, we will require you to return for another appointment.

# **Attorney or Accredited Representative**

You may be represented, at no expense to the U.S. Government, by an attorney or other duly accredited representative. Your representative must submit Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, with your Form N-336. Your representative may also submit Form G-28 at the time of your interview. Form G-28 can be obtained by visiting the USCIS website at <a href="www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, or by contacting the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.

#### Where To File?

Please see our website at www.uscis.gov/N-336 for the most current information about where to file this request.

# **Address Change**

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must notify USCIS of your new address within 10 days of moving from your previous residence. For information on changing your address, go to our website at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a>, or call the USCIS Contact Center.

**NOTE:** Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox.

# **Processing Information**

USCIS will reject any Form N-336 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee, except those accompanied by a fee waiver request (Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver). A Form N-336 that is not completed according to these Instructions, is missing pages or otherwise not executed in its entirety may be rejected or delayed. If USCIS rejects your Form N-336 for any of the reasons above, the form and any fees will be returned to you if you provide a complete and valid mailing address, and you will be notified why the form is considered deficient. If USCIS cannot return the filing fee, USCIS will deposit the fee. You may correct the deficiency and refile Form N-336. An application, petition, or request is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.

**Initial Processing.** Once USCIS accepts your request we will check it for completeness. If you do not properly complete this request, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and we may reject or deny your request.

**Requests for More Information.** USCIS may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your request. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If we request an original document from you, we will return it to you after USCIS determines it is no longer needed.

**Requests for Interview.** We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your request. During your interview, USCIS may require you to provide your biometrics to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

**Decision.** The decision on Form N-336 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of our decision in writing.

#### **USCIS Forms and Information**

To ensure you are using the latest version of this request, visit <u>www.uscis.gov</u>.

#### **Penalties**

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form N-336, we will deny your request and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

# **DHS Privacy Notice**

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 336.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is for individuals to request a hearing before an immigration officer on the denial of Form N-400. DHS will use the information you provide to grant or deny the service you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this form with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System and DHS/USCIS-007 Benefits Information System, and DHS/USCIS-018 Immigration Biometric and Background Check] and the published privacy impact assessment [DHS/USCIS/PIA-015 Computer Linked Application Information Management System 4, DHS/USCIS/PIA-056 USCIS Electronic Immigration System, and DHS/USCIS/PIA-071 myUSCIS Account Experience], which you can find at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security

# **Paperwork Reduction Act**

USCIS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 2.567 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the request, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the request. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD, 20588-0009; OMB No.1615-0050. **Do not mail your completed Form N-336 to this address.**