Guide to Filing Your Completed Naturalization (Form N-400) Application

Application for Naturalization — PTAP Wizard

After generating the PDF: what comes next

Follow these steps to assemble and mail your application package.

1. Print and review your application — Print the complete Form N-400 PDF on letter-size paper, single-sided. Review every page before filing.

2. Sign and date the application — Sign and date the applicant signature section before mailing.

3. Assemble your complete application package

YOUR PERSONALIZED APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST
PTAP separates your primary USCIS application from your supporting documents. Before mailing your package, confirm each section below.

A. YOUR COMPLETED USCIS APPLICATION
☐ Completed Form N-400 — Print the PDF generated by PTAP. Review every page, then sign and date where required.

B. YOUR REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Based on your PTAP Wizard answers, this section will show only the documents that apply to your naturalization path and other answers. The actual document names will replace the placeholders below.
☐ [Exact name of required supporting document] — [Why it is required / what to include]
☐ [Exact name of conditional document, if applicable] — [Wizard answer that triggered this requirement]
☐ [Additional specific document, if applicable] — [Applicant-specific instruction]

C. FILING FEE / PAYMENT OR FEE-WAIVER MATERIALS, IF APPLICABLE
☐ Verify the current USCIS filing fee and accepted payment method immediately before filing.
☐ If PTAP identified a potentially applicable fee waiver or reduced-fee path, include the USCIS form and evidence required for that request.

D. FINAL PACKAGE CHECK
☐ Application reviewed, signed and dated where required.
☐ Every personalized document listed in Section B is included.
☐ Certified English translations are included when required.
☐ Applicable payment or fee-waiver/reduced-fee materials are included.
☐ Current USCIS mailing address has been confirmed immediately before mailing.
☐ A complete copy has been made and the package will be mailed with tracking.

Important: Do not add documents from other filing situations unless USCIS instructions or a qualified immigration professional tell you they apply to your case.

4. Add certified English translations, if needed — If any supporting document is in a language other than English, include a complete English translation with the translator's certification.

5. Verify the current USCIS filing fee — Check the current USCIS Form N-400 filing information immediately before filing. If PTAP identified a possible reduced-fee or fee-waiver path, review the current USCIS requirements before mailing.

Official USCIS resources: Form N-400 — Filing Fee & Instructions | Form I-912 — Request for Fee Waiver

6. Confirm the current USCIS mailing address — Confirm the correct N-400 filing location immediately before sending your package.

Official USCIS resource: Form N-400 — Where to File

7. Make and keep a complete copy — Keep a copy of the signed application, all supporting documents, payment documentation, and the complete package.

8. Mail the package with tracking — Use a tracked delivery service and keep proof of delivery.

9. Watch for your USCIS receipt notice — Keep your Form I-797 receipt notice and receipt number.

10. Attend biometrics, if USCIS schedules them — Follow the appointment notice and bring the documents USCIS requests.

11. Prepare for your naturalization interview — Bring the documents requested in the interview notice and originals of applicable supporting documents. Prepare for the English and civics testing requirements that apply to you.

12. Respond to USCIS notices by the deadline — Respond promptly to any Request for Evidence (RFE), continuation notice, or other correspondence.

13. Track your case and keep your address current — Use your receipt number to monitor the case and update your address with USCIS if you move.

Official USCIS resources: Check Case Status | Change Your Address with USCIS

14. Complete the Oath process if approved — Follow USCIS instructions for the Oath of Allegiance ceremony. After naturalization, review your Certificate of Naturalization immediately for accuracy and keep it in a safe place.

Most common mistakes

- Mailing an unsigned application.
- Leaving out a document generated for the applicant's 5-year or 3-year spouse path or other triggered answer.
- Providing incomplete or inconsistent residence, travel, employment, or marital-history information.
- Failing to disclose required arrests, citations, charges, or court matters.
- Failing to include certified English translations when required.
- Using an outdated fee or mailing address.
- Missing biometrics, interview, RFE, continuation, or oath-related instructions.
- Not bringing requested original documents to the naturalization interview.

Important notice

This checklist is support material generated from the information entered in the PTAP Wizard. It is not legal advice and does not replace official USCIS instructions or advice from a qualified immigration attorney or DOJ-accredited representative. USCIS forms, fees, filing addresses, procedures, and evidence requirements can change. Verify current USCIS requirements immediately before filing.