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Immigration Resources

Naturalization Process for United States (U.S.) Citizenship

Naturalization commonly referred to as the manner in which a person not born in the United States voluntarily becomes a U.S. citizen (A Guide to Naturalization, pg 1 by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)

Citizenship

A good reference is “A Guide to Naturalization”. It can be found at www.uscis.gov; click on “Service Benefits”; then on the left column click “Citizenship”; on the bottom of the page click “Naturalization Information”; on the right column click “Guide to Naturalization”

You can also find a helpful checklist on page 31 in “A Guide to Naturalization”.

Where to get an application for naturalization to become a United States citizen

- Go to www.uscis.gov; along the top click on “Immigration Forms”; scroll down to form N-400 and click ‘Application for Naturalization’; scroll down to the bottom of the page and click ‘Download N-400’
- **Warning!** Many non-USCIS websites offer immigration forms. Some will sell you a downloadable form for a fee. These sites **are not** affiliated with USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services), and these sites may not have the latest versions of forms. In some circumstances, use of older forms may result in your application or petition being denied or delayed. The latest version of these forms is always available on www.uscis.gov.

Where a Minnesota residents needs to mail an application for naturalization

- First, make a copy of everything you send
- Nebraska Service Center
PO Box 87400
Lincoln, NE 68501-7400
- Where to mail for other states, go to www.uscis.gov; along the top click on “Immigration Forms”; scroll down to form N-400; click “Application for Naturalization.”

Where do I go to get fingerprinted

- After the USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) receives your application , they will contact you with an appointment letter and a location where to get fingerprinted

How to find the status of a naturalization application

- Call Customer Service at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY: 1-800-767-1833)
- Go to www.uscis.gov

Where to go for the interview

- The USCIS will schedule you for an interview and send you an interview notice in the mail that will tell you the date, time, and place of interview.

Source: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (2007, January). *A Guide to Naturalization*. Retrieved October, 2007. from <http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/m-476pdf>

Citizenship Classes

Where to go for citizenship and/or ESL (English as a Second Language) classes:

- International Institute of Minnesota
651-647-0191
www.iimn.org; on the left column click 'Citizenship Services'
- Minnesota Literacy Council
1-800-222-1990
www.themlc.org; on the left column click 'Find ESL or GED Classes'
- South Hennepin Adult Program in Education (SHAPE)
952-681-6117
www.bloomington.k12.mn.us; along the top of the page on 'Community Connection' click 'Community Education'; on the left column click 'Lrng Eng/Bsic Skills'; then click 'Citizenship'.