



PROJECT
NEW CITIZEN

Naturalize
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Campaign

Citizenship Day 2022

SAN JOSE



BENEFITS OF CITIZENSHIP

- Vote
- Travel with a U.S. Passport
- Petition certain family members
- Hold public office and obtain government jobs
- Leave the United States for an unlimited amount of time and not lose your U.S. citizenship
- Once you become a US citizen, there is a possibility that your children can derive or acquire citizenship through you - This requires an additional process with USCIS

Additional Benefits:

- You will no longer have to renew your immigration status every ten (10) years
- You can no longer be deported or be refused entry into the United States

Who can apply for citizenship?

- Green card holder for at least 5 years (or 3 years if married to a U.S. Citizen). The earliest you can apply is 3 months before you reach your 5 or 3 year anniversary as a green card holder
- Have established a 3 month residence in the district where you intend to apply for citizenship
- You have maintained continuous residence in the U.S. for at least 5 years, meaning you have not taken a trip of 6 months or more outside the U.S. in the last 5 years
- Have been physically present in the U.S. for more than half of the last 5 (or 3) year period in total (913 days, or 548 days)
- If you have taken a trip outside of the U.S. lasting more than 1 full year within the last 5 (or 3) years, you will not meet the continuous residence requirement

Who can apply for citizenship?

- People who can pass a test in U.S. civics and government
- If a person is at least 65 years old and has had the green card for at least 20 years; they can take the test in their native language AND will be given an easier civics test
- A medical exception for the English requirement or civics test may also be given to those who qualify for a disability waiver (To qualify for the waiver, you must have a medical condition that makes you unable to learn or retain information. The required form (N-648) must be completed by your doctor and included with your application packet)

Who can apply for citizenship?

- People who have maintained good moral character
- People who can speak, read, and write basic English.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Those who are at least 50 years old and had a green card for 20 years;
or
- Those who are at least 55 years old and had a green card for at least 15 years.

IF this applies to you, you can take the test in your native language

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

- Green card or copy of your green card
- List of addresses & employment for last 5 years
- List of trips outside of the U.S. for last 5 years (you may refer to your passport)
- Information about your family (parents, children, spouses)
- Court or immigration records - if any
- Filing fee or fee waiver documents

APPLICATION FEE

FILING FEE:

\$725 Check or Money Order payable to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

(\$640 for Applicants 75 years of age or older)

*****USCIS is not raising fees at this time. We do not know yet if they will raise fees in the near future.**

FILING FEE WAIVER

Right now, a fee waiver is available for those with limited income.

You can apply for a fee waiver if:

- You are currently receiving public benefits
- Your income as of your last tax return (2021) is less than 150% of the poverty guidelines
- You can prove a serious financial hardship

For additional resources on where to get help in case you cannot get an appointment with us, please go to

<http://bit.ly/SCCreferral>

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REGISTER NOW!
REGISTRATION ENDS
MONDAY, MAY 16

FREE Orientation | Legal Consultations
Application Assistance | Study Materials



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GET ASSISTANCE
easy steps

REGISTER 408 753 0257
for Tagalog or English e-immigrate.info



THANK YOU

We are looking forward
to serving you!

PROJECT NEW CITIZEN

Project New Citizen is organized by the Santa Clara County Citizenship Collaborative, est. in 1997

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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