

# Document Checklist

## All applicants must send the following three items with their N-400 application:

1. A photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or “Green Card”). If you have lost the card, submit a photocopy of the receipt of your Form I-90, “Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card;” **and**
2. Two identical color photographs, with your name and “A-number” written lightly in pencil on the back of each photo. For details about the photo requirements, see **Part 5** of *A Guide to Naturalization* and the Form M-603 instructions distributed with your application. Do not wear eyeglasses or earrings for the photo. If your religion requires you to wear a head covering, your facial features must still be exposed in the photo for purposes of identification; **and**
3. A check or money order for the application fee and the biometric services fee for fingerprinting, as stated in the M-479, Current Naturalization Fees enclosure in the *Guide*. (Applicants 75 years of age or older are exempted from fingerprinting and the biometrics services fee). Write your “A-number” on the back of the check or money order.

## Send copies of the following documents, unless we ask for an original.

### If an attorney or accredited representative is acting on your behalf, send:

- A completed original Form G-28, “Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative.”

### If your current legal name is different from the name on your Permanent Resident Card, send:

- The document(s) that legally changed your name (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document).

### If you are applying for naturalization on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen, send the following four items:

1. Evidence that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last three years:
  - Birth certificate (if your spouse never lost citizenship since birth), **or**
  - Naturalization certificate, **or**
  - Certificate of Citizenship, **or**
  - The inside of the front cover and signature page of your spouse’s current U.S. passport, **or**
  - Form FS-240, “Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America,” **and**
2. Your current marriage certificate; **and**
3. Proof of termination of all prior marriages of your spouse-divorce decree(s), annulment(s), or death certificate(s); **and**
4. Documents referring to you and your spouse:
  - Tax returns, bank accounts, leases, mortgages, or birth certificates of children, **or**
  - Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-certified copies of the income tax forms that you both filed for the past three years, **or**
  - An IRS tax return transcript for the last three years.

### If you were married before, send:

- Proof that **all** earlier marriages ended-divorce decree(s), annulments, or death certificates(s);

### If you were previously in the U.S. military service, send:

- A completed original Form G-325B, “Biographic Information.”

### If you are currently in the U.S. military service and are seeking citizenship based on that service, send:

- A completed original Form N-426, “Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service;” **and**  
 A completed original Form G-325B, “Biographic Information.”

**If you have taken any trip outside the United States that lasted six months or more since becoming a Permanent Resident, send evidence that you (and your family) continued to live, work and/or keep ties to the United States, such as:**

- An IRS tax return “transcript” or an IRS-certified tax return listing tax information for the last five years (or for the last three years if you are applying on the basis of marriage to a U.S. citizen).
- Rent or mortgage payments and pay stubs.

**If you have a dependent spouse or children who do not live with you, send:**

- Any court or government order to provide financial support; **and**
- Evidence of your financial support (including evidence that you have complied with any court or government order), such as:
  - Cancelled checks,
  - Money and receipts,
  - A court or agency printout of child support payments,
  - Evidence of wage garnishments,
  - A letter from the parent or guardian who cares for your children.

**If you answer “Yes” to any of Questions 1 through 15 in Part 7 of form N-400, send:**

- A written explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

**If you answer “No” to any of Questions 1 through 5 in Part 8 of form N-400, send:**

- A written explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

**If you have ever been arrested or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason, and no charges were filed, send:**

- An original official statement by the arresting agency or applicant court confirming that no charges were filed.

**If you have ever been arrested or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason, and charges were filed, send:**

- An original or court-certified copy of the complete arrest record and disposition for each incident (dismissal order, conviction record or acquittal order).

**If you have ever been convicted or placed in an alternative sentencing program or rehabilitative program (such as a drug treatment or community service program), send:**

- An original or court-certified copy of the sentencing record for each incident; **and**
- Evidence that you completed your sentence:
  - An original or certified copy of your probation or parole record; **or**
  - Evidence that you completed an alternative sentencing program or rehabilitative program.

**If you have ever had any arrest or conviction vacated, set aside, sealed, expunged or otherwise removed from your record, send:**

- An original or court-certified copy of the court order vacating, setting aside, sealing, expunging or otherwise removing the arrest or conviction, **or** an original statement from the court that no record exists of your arrest or conviction.

**NOTE:** If you have been arrested or convicted of a crime, you may send any countervailing evidence or evidence in your favor concerning the circumstances of your arrest and/or conviction that you would like USCIS to consider.

**If you have ever failed to file an income tax return since you became a Permanent Resident, send:**

- All correspondence with the IRS regarding your failure to file.

**If you have any federal, state or local taxes that are overdue, send:**

- A signed agreement from the IRS or state or local tax office showing that you have filed a tax return and arranged to pay the taxes you owe; **and**
- Documentation from the IRS or state or local tax office showing the current status of your repayment program.

**NOTE:** You may obtain copies of tax documents and tax information by contacting your local IRS offices, using the Blue Pages of your telephone directory, or through its website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**If you are applying for a disability exception to the testing requirement, send:**

- An original Form N-648, “Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions,” completed less than six months ago by a licensed medical or osteopathic doctor or licensed clinical psychologist.

**If you did not register with the Selective Service and you (1) are male, (2) are 26 years old or older, and (3) lived in the United States in a status other than as a lawful nonimmigrant between the ages of 18 and 26, send:**

- A “Status Information Letter” from the Selective Service (Call 1-847-688-8888 for more information).