

# Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet Instructions

## What is the purpose of this worksheet?

The attached "Eligibility Worksheet" will help you decide if you are eligible to apply for naturalization. **Do not send the completed worksheet to INS.**

## Who SHOULD complete this worksheet?

If you are 18 years of age or older and are thinking about applying for naturalization based on your years as a Permanent Resident, you should complete this worksheet.

## Who SHOULD NOT use this worksheet?

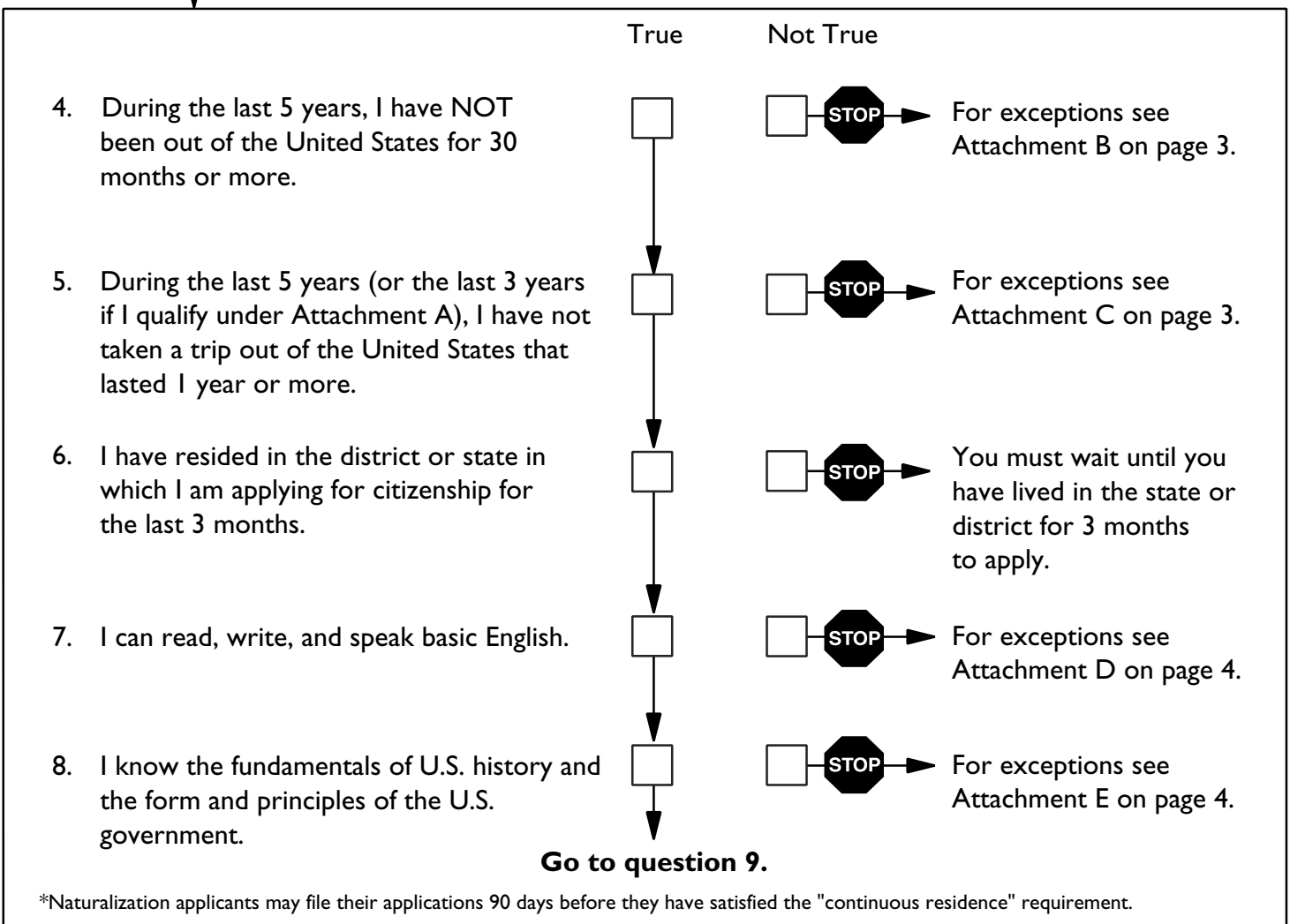
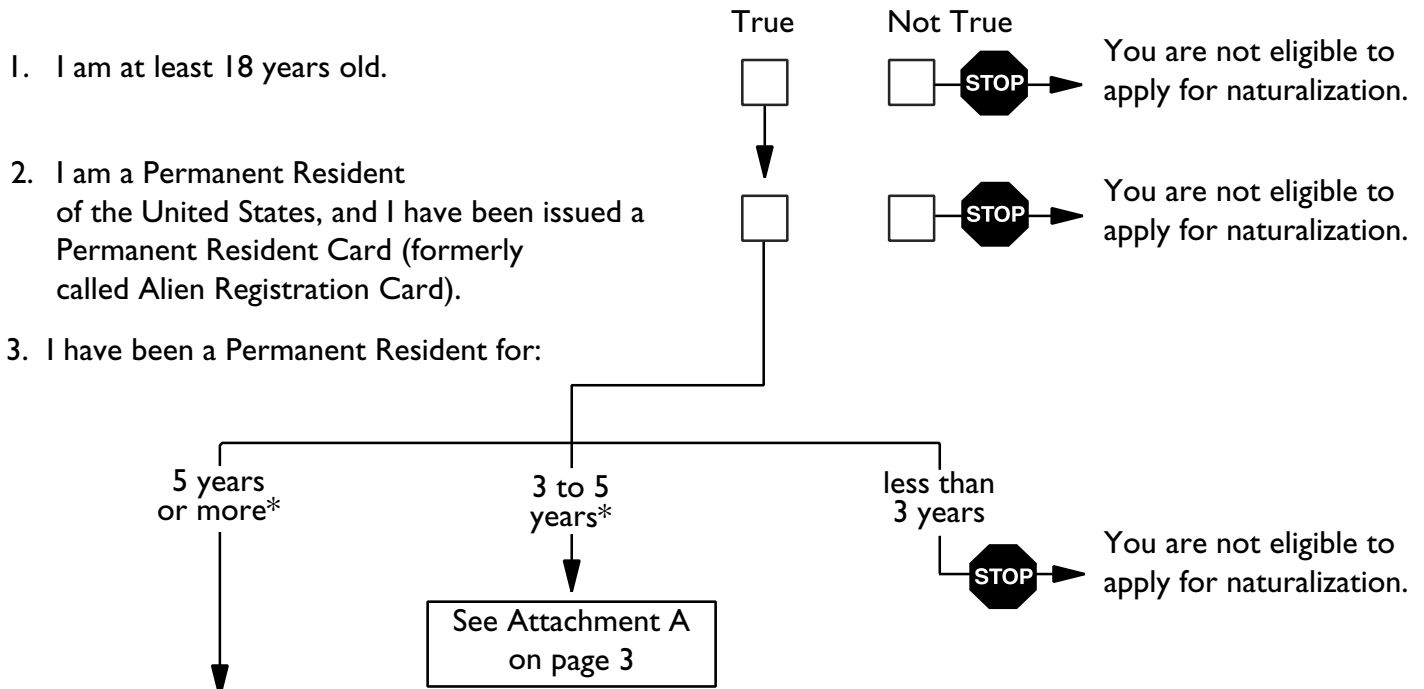
You SHOULD NOT use this worksheet to decide if you are eligible if you are:

- Under 18 years of age and want to apply for naturalization based on your parents' or adopted parents' citizenship (see questions 25-26 on pages 12-14 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on how to obtain citizenship).
- A Permanent Resident whose spouse was a U.S. citizen who died while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (see pages 18-19 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on your naturalization requirements).
- Applying for naturalization based on active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces (see pages 18-19 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for information on your naturalization requirements).
- A spouse of a U.S. citizen who is (a) a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, (b) an employee or contractor of the U.S. Government, (c) an employee of an American institution of research, (d) an employee of an American-owned firm, (e) an employee of a public international organization, or (f) a clergy member (see pages 20-21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information).















## Directions for the Eligibility Worksheet:

1. Answer the questions on the worksheet by checking "True" or "Not True." If you answer "Not True" to certain questions, you may be asked to answer additional questions on pages 3-4. Most applicants will NOT need to answer the questions on pages 3-4.
2. If you have completed the worksheet and believe you are eligible for naturalization, please call the INS Forms Line (1-800-870-3676) to request an application (Form N-400), or download the form from the internet at <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>.
3. If you have completed the worksheet and you still have questions regarding your eligibility, you should read *A Guide to Naturalization*. You may also wish to get advice from an immigrant assistance organization or immigration attorney.

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	True	Not True	
9. I am a person of good moral character.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
10. One of the following is true: (a) I am female, OR (b) I am a male registered with the Selective Service, OR (c) I am a male who did not enter the United States under any status until after my 26th birthday, OR (d) I am a male who was in the United States between the ages of 18 and 26 but who did not register with the Selective Service, and I will send a "Status Information Letter" from the Selective Service explaining why with my application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
11. I have never deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
12. I have never received an exemption or discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces on the grounds that I am an alien.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
13. I am willing to perform either military OR civilian service for the United States if required by law. (Note: if your religious teachings and beliefs prohibit you from performing military service, you must be willing to perform non-military service.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
14. I will support the Constitution of the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
15. I understand and am willing to take an oath of allegiance to the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>  	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

STOP HERE: You are probably eligible to apply for naturalization.

Please call the Forms Line (1-800-870-3676) for an "Application for Naturalization" (Form N-400) and be sure to read *A Guide to Naturalization*.

# Attachment A — Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet

I have been a Permanent Resident for 3 to 5 years.

	True	Not True	
I am married to and living with a U.S. citizen.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
I have been married to that U.S. citizen for at least the past 3 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
My spouse has been a U.S. citizen for at least the past 3 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.
During the past 3 years, I have <i>not</i> been out of the country for 18 months or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "true" to all 4 questions, go to question 5 on page 1.

## Attachment B

I have been out of the country for 30 months or more.

	True	Not True	
I am: (a) a person who has served on board a vessel operated by or registered in the United States, <b>OR</b> (b) an employee or an individual under contract to the U.S. Government, <b>OR</b> (c) a person who performs ministerial or priestly functions for a religious denomination or an interdenominational organization with a valid presence in the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "true," see pages 20-21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* to get more information and go to question 5 on page 1.

## Attachment C

I have been out of the country for one year or more.

Since becoming a Permanent Resident, I have not taken a trip out of the United States that lasted for 1 year or more without an approved "Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes" (Form N-470).

Note: only certain people can use the N-470. See pages 18-21 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

	True	Not True	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> STOP →	You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "true," go to question 6 on page 1.

# Attachment D — Naturalization Eligibility Worksheet

## I cannot read, write, or speak basic English.

I am over 50 and have lived in the United States for at least 20 years since I became a Permanent Resident, **OR**

I am over 55 and have lived in the United States for at least 15 years since I became a Permanent Resident, **OR**

I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling this requirement and will be filing a "Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions" (Form N-648) completed and signed by a doctor with my application.

Note: only certain people can use this exemption. See pages 26 - 27 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

True



Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "true" to one of these questions, go to question 8 on page 1.

# Attachment E

## I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling the civics requirement.

I have a disability that prevents me from fulfilling the civics requirement, and I will be filing a "Medical Certificate for Disability Exceptions" (Form N-648) completed and signed by a doctor with my application

Note: only certain people can use this exemption. See pages 26 - 27 in *A Guide to Naturalization* for more information.

True



Not True



You are not eligible to apply for naturalization.

If you answered "true" to the question, go to question 9 on page 2.