# Study Guide for Form N-400, Part 9, Application for Naturalization

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The N-400 form is the application for naturalization. Naturalization is the process of becoming a U.S. citizen if you were born outside of the United States.

This study guide will help you understand the questions in part 9 of the application form.

- The column on the left has the official N-400 question as it appears on the N-400 form.
- The column on the right repeats the question in simple English (highlighted in yellow).

In the interview, you may be asked to explain your answers. It is very important to understand the meaning and the vocabulary in the N-400 questions. Learn more about the N-400 form here:

https://www.uscis.gov/n-400



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Part 9. Additional Information About You	
When a question includes the word "EVER," you must provide information about any of your actions or conduct that ocurred anywhere in the world at any time, unless the question specifies otherwise. If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in Item Numbers 1 14. in Part 9. Item Numbers 1 14., provide explanations and any additional information in the space provided in Part 14. Additional Information.	Answer "Yes" or "No" to each question by checking off the box ( ) to the left of your answer.  Example:  Yes No Your answer is "Yes."  Yes No Your answer is "No."  For any questions you answer "Yes" to, make sure to include an explanation for your answer on another sheet of paper.
1. Have you <b>EVER</b> claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or any other way?)	1. Did you ever say you were a U.S. citizen? Did you ever write that you were a U.S. citizen? *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 3
2. Have you EVER registered to vote or voted in any Federal, state, or local election in the United States? If you lawfully voted only in a local election where noncitizens are eligible to vote, you may answer "No."	2. Did you ever vote for leaders of the U.S. Government? Did you ever vote for leaders of your state government? Did you ever vote for leaders of your city government? Vote means to choose a government leader.  Register to vote means "sign up to vote." You must be a U.S. citizen to vote for President, Senator, Representative, or Governor.  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 4



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3.	Do you currently owe any overdue Federal, state, or local taxes in the United States?	Yes No	3. Do you need to pay late taxes?  Owe means "need to pay."  Tax means "money we pay the government."  Overdue means "late."  If we get money from a job or business, we may need to pay taxes. If we need to pay taxes but we don't pay taxes before April 15th, we owe overdue taxes.  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 5
4.	Since you became a lawful permanent resident, have you called yourself a "nonresident alien" on a Federal, state, or local tax return or decided not to file a tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident?	☐ Yes ☐ No	4. On a tax form, did you ever say you didn't live in the United States? Did you ever decide not to file your tax forms because you lived outside the United States during the year?  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 6
Hav	e you EVER:		
5.a.	Been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with any Communist or totalitarian party <b>anywhere in the world</b> ?	Yes No	<b>5.a.</b> Do you want a communist or a totalitarian government? In most communist countries, people don't have freedom or democracy. In a totalitarian country, the government controls everything people do. People have no freedom.
5.b.	Advocated (supported or promoted) any of the following or been a member of, involved in or in any associated with any group <b>anywhere in the world</b> that advocated any of the following:	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>5.b.</b> Advocate means to tell other people to believe or do something.
	Opposition to all organized government;		Have you ever told other people that we should have no government?



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• World communism;	Have you ever told other people that we should have communism for all the people in the world?
• Establishment in the United States of totalitarian dictatorship;	Have you ever told other people that the United States government should be totalitarian?
<ul> <li>Overthrow (by force or violence or other unconstitutional means) of the Government of the United States or all forms of law;</li> </ul>	Have you ever told other people that they should attack the United States Government?  Have you ever told other people that they should break all the laws?
<ul> <li>The unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers of the Government of the United States or of any other organized government because of their official character;</li> </ul>	Have you ever told anyone to attack or kill any Government officials because they worked for the Government?
• The unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property;	Have you ever told other people to break or destroy houses, buildings or other important things?
• Sabotage	Have you ever told other people to destroy things that are important to our country?



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Have you EVER been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with, or have you EVER provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support to a group that:	Were you ever a member of any of these groups, or did you ever give money or help to any of these groups:
<b>6.a.</b> Used a weapon or explosive with intent to harm another person or cause damage to property?	<b>6.a.</b> A group of people that tries to hurt people or break important things?
<b>6.b.</b> Engaged or participated in kidnapping, assassination, or hijacking or sabotage of an airplane, ship, vehicle or other mode of transportation?  ☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>6.b.</b> A group of people that captured someone, killed someone, stole or destroyed an airplane, ship, car, train or bus?
<b>6.c.</b> Threatened, attempted (tried), conspired, planned, advocated for, or incited others (encouraged) others to commit any of the acts listed in <b>Item Numbers 6.a.</b> or <b>6.b.</b> ?	<b>6.c.</b> A group of people who planned to do these things or told other people to do any of these things?



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Have you EVER ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:		Did you ever:  do any of these things  help someone do these things  tell someone to do these things?	
7.a.	Torture?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>7.a.</b> Do something very terrible to another person?
7.b.	Genocide?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>7.b.</b> Try to kill all the people of the same group?
7.c.	Killing or trying to kill any person?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>7.c.</b> Make someone die.
7.d.	Intentionally and severely injuring or trying to injure any person?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>7.d.</b> Try to hurt someone very badly.
7.e.	Any kind of sexual contact or activity with any person who did not consent (did not agree) or was unable to consent (could not agree), or was being forced or threatened by you or by someone else?	Yes No	<b>7.e.</b> Force someone to have sex with another person.
7.f.	Not letting someone practice their religion?	Yes No	<b>7.f.</b> Stop a person from praying or doing religious activities?



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7.g.	Causing harm or suffering to any person because of their race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<ul> <li>7.g. Hurt other people because you don't like their religion, race, national origin, political group, social group?</li> <li>Examples of race are Black, White, Asian, etc.</li> <li>Examples of religion are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, etc.</li> <li>Examples of national origin are China, Haiti, Brazil, etc.</li> <li>Examples of social groups are poor people, rich people, etc.</li> <li>Examples of political groups are Democrat, Republican, Communist, etc.</li> </ul>
8.a.	Have you <b>EVER</b> served in, been a member of, assisted (helped), or participated in any military or police unit?	Yes No	8.a. Did you work for the or help the military or police in your country or in any country?
8.b.	Have you <b>EVER</b> served in, been a member of, assisted (helped), or participated in any armed group (a group that carries weapons), for example: paramilitary unit (a group of people who act like a military group but are not part of the official military), self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, or guerrilla group?	Yes No	<b>8.b.</b> Were you ever a member of an organized group of people who use weapons for fighting but they are not part of the national military?
If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 8.a. or Item Number 8.b., include the name of the country, the name of the military unit or armed group, your rank or position, and your dates of involvement in your explanation in Part 14. Additional Information.		If you answered "Yes," to the last question, write the answers to these questions in Part 14 of this form.  • What was the name of the country?  • What was the name of the group?  • What was your job in this group?  • When were you helping or working in this group?	



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9.	Have you <b>EVER</b> worked, volunteered, or otherwise served in a place where people were detained (forced to stay), for example, a prison, jail, prison camp (a camp where prisoners of war or political prisoners are kept), detention facility, or labor camp, or have you <b>EVER</b> directed or participated in any other activity that involved detaining people?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<ul> <li>9. Were you ever a soldier, worker or helper in any place where people were not free to leave?</li> <li>Examples of such a place are:</li> <li>Jail</li> <li>Prison</li> <li>Prison camp</li> <li>Detention place</li> <li>Labor camp</li> </ul>
10.a.	Were you <b>EVER</b> a part of any group, or did you <b>EVER</b> help any group, unit, or organization that used a weapon against any person, or threatened to do so?	Yes No	10.a. Were you ever a member of a gang or a group of people that used weapons? Did they use these weapons to hurt people? Did they tell people they would use a weapon against them?  Examples of weapons are guns, knives, bombs, etc.  If you answered "Yes," answer questions 10.b. or 10.c.  If you answered "No," skip to question 11?
10.b.	If you answered "Yes" to <b>Item Number 10.a.</b> , when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever use a weapon against another person?	☐ Yes ☐ No	10.b. When were you a member of this group, or when did you help this group? At that time, did you use a weapon to hurt another person?
10.c.	If you answered "Yes" to <b>Item Number 10.a.</b> , when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever threaten another person that you would use a weapon against that person?	☐ Yes ☐ No	10.c. At that time, did you tell someone you would hurt them with a weapon if they didn't do what you told them to do?



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11.	Have you <b>EVER</b> sold, provided, or transported weapons, or assisted any person in selling, providing, or transporting weapons, which you knew or believed would be used against another person?	Yes No	11. Did you ever sell, give, or transport weapons? Did you ever help someone sell, give, or transport weapons? If your answer is "Yes," did you know, or did you think that these weapons would be used to hurt people?
12.	Have you <b>EVER</b> received any weapons training, paramilitary training, or other military-type training?	Yes No	12. Did people ever train you to be a soldier, to do the same thing as a soldier or to use weapons?
13.	Have you <b>EVER</b> recruited (asked), enlisted (signed up), conscripted (required to join), or used any person under 15 years of age to serve in or help an armed group, or attempted or worked with others to do so?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<ul> <li>13. Did you ever ask, tell or force a child to help or join a group of people with weapons?</li> <li>Recruit = Ask or tell</li> <li>Enlist = Sign up</li> <li>Conscript = Force</li> </ul>
14.	Have you <b>EVER</b> used any person under 15 years of age to take part in hostilities or attempted or worked with others to do so? This could include participating in combat or providing services related to combat (such as serving as a messenger or transporting supplies).	☐ Yes ☐ No	14. Did you ever use, or try to use a child to help people who are fighting?



### What Form N-400, Part 9 looks like What the question means If you answer "Yes" to any part of Item Number 15. below, complete the table below with each crime or offense even if your records have been sealed, expunged, or otherwise cleared. You must disclose this information even if someone, including a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that it is no longer on your record, or told you that you do not have to disclose the information. If you need extra space, use the space provided in Part 14. Additional Information. Submit evidence to support your answers with your Form N-400. Include all the crimes and offenses in the United States or anywhere in the world (including domestic violence, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and crimes and offenses while you were under 18 years of age) which you EVER: • Committed, agreed to commit, or asked someone else to commit; • Were arrested, cited, detained, or confined by any law enforcement officer, military official (in the U.S. or elsewhere), or immigration official; • Were charged with committing, helping commit, or trying to commit; • Pled guilty to; • Were convicted of: • Were placed in alternative sentencing or a rehabilitative program for (for example, diversion, deferred prosecution, withheld adjudication, or deferred adjudication); or • Received a suspended sentence, clemency, amnesty, or pardon for, or were placed on probation or paroled for. 15.a. Have you EVER committed, agreed to commit, asked someone ☐ Yes ☐ No 15.a. Did you ever: else to commit, helped commit, or tried to commit a crime or break the law, offense for which you were NOT arrested? • help someone break the law, • try to break the law, • ask someone to break the law, but you were not arrested?



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15.b. Have you EVER been arrested, cited, detained or confined by any law enforcement officer, military official (in the U.S. or elsewhere), or immigration official for any reason, or been charged with a crime or offense?	<ul> <li>15.b. Did you ever:</li> <li>Did police ever take you to jail or make you pay a fine?</li> <li>Did immigration police ever take you in a room to ask you questions?</li> <li>Did military police or soldiers ever take you to a place like a prison?</li> <li>Did you ever get a ticket or a warning from the police?</li> </ul>
What was the crime or offense? (If convicted, provide crime of conviction. If not convicted, provide crime or offense listed in arrest, citation, charging document, or crime commited.)  Date of the Crime or Offense (mm/dd/yyyy)  Date of your conviction or guilty plea (if applicable) (mm/dd/yyyy)  Place of Crime or Offense (City or Town, State, Country)  Place of Crime or Offense (City or Town, State, Country)  (if applicable) (mm/dd/yyyy)  Ode of the arrest, citation, or charges filed, convicted, charges dismissed, detention, jail, probation, etc)  Offense (City or Town, State, Country)  Offense (City or Town, State, Country)  Offense (citation, or charges filed, convicted, charges dismissed, detention, jail, probation, etc)	



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16.	If you received a suspended sentence, were placed on probation, or were paroled, have you completed your suspended sentence, probation, or parole?	Yes No	16. Did you ever go to court for a crime, and the jury said you were guilty? After that, did the judge say the court must supervise you for months or years? Did you follow all the rules of the court and finish the court supervision?
17.a.	Have you ever engaged in prostitution, attempted to procure or import prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution, or received any proceeds or money from prostitution?	Yes No	17.a. Did you ever have sex for money, pay for sex, or help someone get sex for money? Did you ever bring people into the United States for sex work? Did you receive money from other people doing sex work?
17.b.	Have you ever manufactured, cultivated, produced, distributed, dispensed, sold, or smuggled (trafficked) any controlled substances, illegal drugs, narcotics, or drug paraphernalia in violation of any law or regulation of a U.S. state, the United States, or a foreign country?	Yes No	<b>17.b.</b> Did you ever make, grow, sell or transport drugs, for example cocaine or marijuana, when it was not legal in this country or in another country?
17.c.	Have you ever been married to more than one person at the same time?	Yes No	17.c. Did you ever have more than one wife or more than one husband at the same time?
17.d.	Have you ever married someone in order to obtain an immigration benefit?	Yes No	<b>17.d.</b> Did you ever marry someone to get a green card, for example?
17.e.	Have you ever helped anyone to enter, or try to enter, the United States illegally?	Yes No	<b>17.e.</b> Did you ever break the law to help someone come across the border into the U.S.?
17.f.	Have you ever gambled illegally or received income from illegal gambling?	☐ Yes ☐ No	17.f. Did you ever play games for money outside a legal casino or racetrack?



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17.g.	Have you ever failed to support your dependents (pay child support) or to pay alimony (court-ordered financial support after divorce or separation?	☐ Yes ☐ No	17.g. Did you ever refuse to pay for the things that your children or your divorced spouse needed?  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 7
17.h.	Have you ever made any misrepresentation to obtain any public benefit in the United States?	☐ Yes ☐ No	17.h. Did you ever lie to the government to get food stamps or other help?  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 8
18.	Have you <b>EVER</b> given any U.S. Government officials <b>any</b> information or documentation that was false, fraudulent, or misleading?	Yes No	18. Did you ever tell a U.S. Government official something that was not true?
19.	Have you <b>EVER</b> lied to any U.S. Government officials to gain entry or admission into the United States or to gain immigration benefits while in the United States?	Yes No	19. Did you ever lie to the U.S. Government to come into the U.S. or to get immigration benefits?  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 9
20.	Have you <b>EVER</b> been placed in removal, rescission, or deportation proceedings?	Yes No	<ul> <li>20. Did the U.S. Government ever begin the process to:</li> <li>make you leave the U.S.,</li> <li>cancel your legal immigration status,</li> <li>make you go back to your country?</li> </ul>
21.	Have you <b>EVER</b> been removed or deported from the United States?	Yes No	<ul> <li>21. Did the Government ever tell you to:</li> <li>leave the U.S.,</li> <li>not come to the U.S.,</li> <li>go back to your country?</li> </ul>



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<b>Federal Law requires</b> nearly all people born as male who are either U.S. citizens or immigrants, 18 through 25 years of age, to register with Selective Service. See www.sss.gov.		The United States law says most men (both U.S. citizens and immigrants) of age 18 to 25 years old to sign up for "Selective Service."	
			The Selective Service Agency is part of the government that makes a list of all young men who might be needed to work for the U.S. military.  *See N-400 Part 9 Lesson 10
22.a.	Are you a person born as a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays? (Do not select "Yes" if you were a lawful nonimmigrant for all of that time period.)	Yes No	<b>22.a.</b> Are you a man and were you a legal permanent resident for any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays?
	P-1304.)		If your answer is "No," skip to question 25.
22.b.	If you answered "Yes," to <b>Item Number 22.a.</b> , did you register for the Selective Service?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>22.b.</b> If you answered "Yes," to question 22.a., did you sign up for Selective Service between your 18th and 26th birthdays?
22.c.	If you answered "Yes," to <b>Item Number 22.b.</b> , provide information about your registration.	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>22.c.</b> If you answered "Yes," to question 22.b., write your Selective Service registration number and registration date in Part 14 of this form.
23.	Have you <b>EVER</b> left the United States to avoid being drafted in the U.S. armed forces?	Yes No	23. Did you ever go away from the United States because you didn't want to work for the U.S. military?
24.	Have you <b>EVER</b> applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S. armed forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>24.</b> Did you ever apply to be excused from working for the U.S. military?



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25.	Have you EVER served in the U.S. armed forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	25. Did you ever work for the U.S. military?
If yo	ou answered "No" to Item Number 25, go to Item Number 30.a.		If you answered "No" to question 25, don't answer questions 26.a - 29. Skip to question 30.a.
26.a.	Are you <b>currently</b> a member of the U.S. armed forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>26.a.</b> Do you work for the U.S. military now?
26.b.	If you answered "Yes," to <b>Item Number 26.a.</b> , are you scheduled to deploy overseas, including to a vessel, in the next three months? (Call the Military Help Line at <b>877-247-4645</b> if you transfer to a new duty station after you file your Form N-400, including if you are deployed outside the United States or to a vessel.)	☐ Yes ☐ No	26.b. If you answered "Yes," to question 26.a., will you work in another country or on a ship in the next three months?  If you move to a new location after you submit your N-400 citizenship application form, call the "Military Help Line" at 877-247-4645.
26.c.	If you answered "Yes," to <b>Item Number 26.a.</b> , are you <b>currently</b> stationed outside the United States?	Yes No	<b>26.c.</b> If you answered "Yes," to question 26.a., are you working in another country or on a ship now?
26.d.	If you answered "No" to <b>Item Number 26.a.</b> , are you currently residing outside of the U.S.?	Yes No	<b>26.d.</b> If you answered "Yes," to question 26.a., are you working in another country or on a ship now?
	ou answer "Yes" to Item Numbers 27 29., provide an explanation in ided in Part 14. Additional Information.	the space	If you answer "Yes," to question 27 29., write the details in Part 14 of Form N-400.
27.	Have you <b>EVER</b> been court-martialed, or have you received a discharge characterized as other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable, while in the U.S. armed forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>27.</b> Did a military judge or a military official fire you from the U.S. military because you broke a military law?



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28.	Have you <b>EVER</b> been discharged from training or service in the U.S. armed forces because you were an alien?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>28.</b> Were you ever fired from the U.S. military because you are not a U.S. citizen?
29.	Have you <b>EVER</b> deserted from the U.S. armed forces?	Yes No	<b>29.</b> Did you ever go away from the U.S. military without permission?
30.a.	Do you now have, or did you <b>EVER</b> have, a hereditary title or an order of nobility in any foreign country?	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>30.a.</b> Do you have a title, like a <b>prince or princess</b> ?
30.b.	If you answered "Yes," to <b>Item Number 30.a.</b> , are you willing to give up any inherited titles or orders of nobility at your naturalization ceremony?  List the titles that you have.	☐ Yes ☐ No	30.b. If you answered "Yes," to question 30.a., do you agree to give up your titles at your citizenship swearing-in ceremony?  What titles do you have?
31.	Do you support the Constitution and form of Government of the United States?	☐ Yes ☐ No	31. Do you accept the Constitution and Government of the United States? The Constitution is the supreme law of the land.  The form of government is a democratic republic. We choose our leaders, and the leaders make our laws.
32.	Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States? *See Part 16. Oath of Allegiance	☐ Yes ☐ No	<b>32.</b> Do you understand the promises you will make in the Oath of Allegiance? We promise to be loyal to the U.S.



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33.	Are you unable to take the Oath of Allegiance because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment? If you answer "Yes," skip <b>Item Numbers 34 37</b> .	Yes No	33. Do you have a physical or mental problem that prevents you from taking an oath?
34.	Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?	Yes No	34. Will you say the Oath of Allegiance? Will you promise to be loyal to the United States?
35.	If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms (carry weapons) on behalf of the United States?	Yes No	35. If the Government says you must, will you use weapons to fight in the U.S. military?
36.	If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services (do something that does not include fighting in a war) in the U.S. armed forces?	☐ Yes ☐ No	36. If the Government says you must, will you help the U.S. military (but not fight)?  Noncombatant = not fighting  Perform noncombatant work = work for the military but you don't fight.
37.	If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction (do non-military work that the U.S. Government says is important to the country)?	☐ Yes ☐ No	37. If the Government says you must, will you do important work for the United States, for example in an emergency. (flood, fire, earthquake, hurricane)  Under civilian direction = ordered by the police or government, NOT by the military.

