

## APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST - LOS ANGELES DISTRICT OFFICE

Please bring the applicable items listed below to your naturalization interview. Please do not bring any children or other family members. Be on time for your interview - rescheduling will cause delays in processing your case.

**NOTE: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPIES.** Any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a translation in English. The translator must certify that he/she is competent to translate and that the translation is accurate.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERVIEWS

- ⇒ Your alien registration card.
- ⇒ Photo identification (state driver's license or state identification card).
- ⇒ Your passport(s) and any travel documents issued by the I.N.S.
- ⇒ If you have ever been arrested, you must bring complete arrest report(s), certified court disposition(s), probation report(s) (if applicable), including records that may have been sealed or expunged. If a record or document is no longer available, you must submit documentation from the appropriate agency as to its unavailability.
- ⇒ Copies of recent years tax returns. Please bring copies of any correspondence relating to payment arrangements, and copies of any returns for which you claimed to be a non-resident.
- ⇒ If you are a male and between the ages of 18 and 31, please bring proof you registered with the Selective Service System between the ages of 18 and 26. (Selective Service System telephone number: 1-847-688-6888 or 1-847-688-2576). *Note: If you failed to register with the Selective Service System before you reached age 26, you must do the following: 1. Request and complete the Selective Service System's QUESTIONNAIRE form. Answer the questions fully, MAKE A COPY, and return the form to the Selective Service System. 2. You will then receive an ADVISORY LETTER from the Selective Service. 3. Bring the copy of the QUESTIONNAIRE and the ADVISORY LETTER to your interview.*
- ⇒ If you are unable to take the full oath of allegiance, please bring a letter from your church explaining how your religious beliefs prevent you from taking the full oath.
- ⇒ If you have minor children residing outside of your home, please bring evidence of your payment of financial support, such as cancelled checks, money order receipts and bank drafts showing your payment record, along with copies of any court or government orders relating to the required payment.

### FOR CASES BASED ON A MARRIAGE TO A U.S. CITIZEN, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS ARE REQUIRED:

- ⇒ Proof that your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for more than three years, such as birth certificate, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, or U.S. passport.
- ⇒ Your marriage certificate.
- ⇒ Proof of termination of ALL prior marriages of both you and your spouse (if any).
- ⇒ Evidence of bona fide marriage - bring any documents which would assist in establishing the validity of your marriage such as (but not limited to) lease agreements or home ownership documents, joint bank and credit accounts, joint tax returns, proof of joint ownership of other property such as investments, automobiles, life insurance, health insurance.
- ⇒ Birth certificates of your children.

See reverse for additional important information

## EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- ⇒ If you are over 50 years of age and have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 20 years, OR if you are over 55 years of age and have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 15 years, you may have your interview in your native language. Please bring an interpreter with proper identification.
- ⇒ If you are over 65 years of age and have been a lawful permanent resident for more than 20 years, you will be eligible for the abbreviated history and government examination which may be conducted in your native language. Please bring an interpreter with proper identification if you require the examination to be conducted in your native language.
- ⇒ If you are permanently disabled, and the disability prevents you from fulfilling the requirements of Sec. 312 of the INA, you may also be exempt from the history and government examination and/or the literacy requirements. You must bring to your interview the medical certification Form N-648. The form must be completed in its entirety with a **detailed** explanation for each applicable question. Question #3 must include the **origin, nature, and extent** of your medical condition as it relates to the disability exceptions. The doctor or psychologist must describe **in detail** how your medical condition **prevents** you from fulfilling the requirements of Sec. 312 of the INA. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in the rejection of the Form N-648 and will result in delay in the adjudication of your application for naturalization.

**THIS IS A GENERAL CHECKLIST. SINCE EACH CASE IS UNIQUE, DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT LISTED MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER.**

**Please keep copies of all documents you bring to your interview for your own records.**

**If you fail to submit the required documents listed, you may be found ineligible for naturalization and your application may be denied.**