

U.S. Citizenship

The following information outlines the criteria necessary for declaring U.S. Citizenship status:

If you:

- were born in the United States (the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam [since 1950], or the U.S. Virgin Islands);
- were born outside the United States to parents who are citizen of the United States, one of which was physically present in the United States or one of its outlying possessions for a continuous period of one year, at any time prior to the birth of the person (in some situations only one parent has to be a citizen);
- were naturalized as a United States Citizen; or
- were otherwise granted citizenship under authorities described in law, beginning at 8 U.S.C. 1401.
- are a National who owes allegiance to the United States, including those "born in the outlying possessions of the United States on or after the date of formal acquisition of such possessions: (including American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Northern Mariana Island), or who are children of nationals under certain circumstances, or who meet other requirements describe in law at 8 U.S.C. 1408.