

**USCIS CENTRALIZES INITIAL NATURALIZATION APPLICATION PROCESSING Change to Increase Efficiency and Improve Customer Service**

USCIS Update  
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WASHINGTON – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today it has centralized initial processing of all applications for naturalization (Form-400) at its National Benefits Center in Missouri. This change is part of the USCIS initiative to increase the efficiency of case management and improve customer service.

This internal administrative change will not change where applicants file their naturalization applications. Applicants will continue to file their naturalization applications (N-400), including all supporting documents and fees with the USCIS Service Center having jurisdiction over their place of residence (see list below). Applicants will also continue to report to a local field office for the interview and naturalization test.

USCIS will send applicants a notice when the Service Center transfers their application to the National Benefits Center for initial processing. USCIS will also inform the applicant how to contact the National Benefits Center and how to check their local USCIS field office processing times. USCIS will return to the sender any application mailed directly from the applicant to the National Benefits Center.

Applicants should continue to send their N-400 application and supporting documents to the Service Center having jurisdiction over their place of residence, as follows:

AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands:

California Service Center

PO Box 10400

Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1040

AK, CO, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MO, MN, MT, NE, ND, OH, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI and WY:

Nebraska Service Center

PO Box 87400

Lincoln, NE 68501-7400

AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NM, NC, OK, SC, TN or TX:

Texas Service Center

PO Box 851204

Mesquite, TX 75185-1204

CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands:

Vermont Service Center

75 Lower Welden St

St. Albans, VT 05479-9400

All military naturalization applicants filing under the provisions of Section 328 or 329, regardless of geographic location or jurisdiction, should continue to file at the following address:

Nebraska Service Center

P.O. Box 87426

Lincoln, NE 68501-7426

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