

CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

What to Expect at the Workshop

- Registration begins at 10 AM, and the process will take between 4-6 hours.
- We will have a waiting room. Please bring snacks, and be prepared for long wait times.
- Bring all your documents (see inside). If you don't, you may not be able to complete your application.
- Interpreters are available, but the wait time will be shorter if you bring your own interpreter. **You need to be able to speak at ESL Level 2 to apply.**
- Volunteer attorneys and paralegals will answer your questions and help you complete your application.

ABOUT

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) works to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee residents. Through its New Citizen Campaign, OIRA seeks to increase the numbers of immigrants and refugees who become citizens and engage in civic processes.

This New Citizen Campaign workshop is brought to you by the City of Seattle, generous partners, and community-based organizations.

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Do you need help applying for U.S. citizenship?

Come to our citizenship workshop, where our team of volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and interpreters will help you with your citizenship application. **It's FREE for all eligible legal permanent residents (green card holders).**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

10 AM-1 PM FREE

South Seattle College - Georgetown Campus

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SEATTLE, WA 98108

For more information or to sign up go to:
seattle.gov/iandraffairs/NCC or call: (206) 386-9090.



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Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, you need to:

- Be at least 18 years old by the date you file.
- Have been a lawful permanent resident for at least the last 5 years (or 3 years, if married to a U.S. citizen).
- Have been present in the U.S. for 2.5 of the past 5 years (or 1.5 of the past 3, if married to a U.S. citizen) and have not been outside the U.S. for 1 year or more within the last 5 years (or 3 years, if married to a U.S. citizen).

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What to Bring

- Your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).
- List of home addresses for the past 5 years and the dates during which you lived at these addresses.
- List of employer names and addresses for the past 5 years and the dates you worked with these employers.
- Dates you have been outside of the U.S. since becoming a permanent resident and the countries you traveled to during these trips. Bring your passport, itineraries, and, if available, tickets to track all trips made outside the U.S.
- Your children's complete names, dates of birth, and their alien registration numbers if they have one.
- Your most recent tax return and W-2 forms.
- All documents you have about your immigration record.
- \$680 filing fee (exceptions possible) – check, cashier's check, or money order made out to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security." OPTIONAL
- 2 color passport photos. OPTIONAL
- Interpreters are available, but waiting times may be shorter if you bring own interpreter.

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Other Documents to Bring

If you receive public benefits, (for example: SNAP/food stamps, SSI, TANF, Medicaid), bring:

- Most current award letter.
YOUR CARD IS NOT SUFFICIENT

If you think you have been arrested, detained, or if you have had to appear before a court for any reason whether in the last 5 years or earlier, bring:

- ALL certified court and police documents.
EXAMPLES: POLICE REPORT, COURT APPEARANCE, DISPOSITION

If the name on your permanent resident card/green card is different than your current legal name, bring:

- Documents that legally changed your name. EXAMPLES: MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, DIVORCE DECREE, COURT DOCUMENT

If you are applying for U.S. citizenship based upon a marriage to a U.S. citizen, bring:

- Information about your spouse and his or her previous marriages and divorces.
- Documents showing that you and your spouse are living together.
EXAMPLES: TAX RETURNS, BANK STATEMENTS, LEASES, MORTGAGES, YOUR CHILDREN'S BIRTH CERTIFICATES

If you have been married more than 1 time, bring:

- Marriage certificate and divorce (or death) decree or

specific dates of all marriages and divorces.

- Proof of your payment of any court ordered support.

If you have been outside the U.S. for more than 6 months in any year since becoming a permanent resident, bring:

- Details about the dates you left and came back to the U.S. and proof that you maintained a job or home in the U.S.

If you have a spouse or children who do not live with you, bring:

- Any court order requiring you to pay financial support.
- Evidence of your financial support.
EXAMPLES: CANCELLED CHECKS, MONEY ORDER RECEIPTS, EVIDENCE OF WAGE GARNISHMENTS, LETTER FROM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO CARES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

If your federal, state, or local taxes are overdue (or you have failed to pay them), bring:

- Copies of any documents, letters, or papers you sent to or received from the government about the problem.

If you registered for the U.S. Selective Service, bring:

- The date you registered and your selective service number, if known.