Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

The City of Seattle 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 are engaged in their communities.

This citizenship clinic is brought to you by the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs in partnership with the following community-based organizations:

Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Catholic Immigration Legal Services
Chinese Information and Service Center
Horn of Africa Services
Korean Community Service Center
OneAmerica
Refugee Women's Alliance

For more information and to learn the dates and locations of our other monthly clinics, go to: www.seattle.gov/NCC or call: (206) 386-9090.

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

Come to one of our free citizenship clinics!

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).**

June 24, 2017 SATURDAY
Start time: 10 AM
Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC)
611 S LANE ST
SEATTLE, WA 98104

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Eligibility

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP, 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).
- ☐ Be able to speak basic English. (YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR AN EXCEPTION.)

What to Bring

- ☐ Your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).
- ☐ Your most recent tax return and W-2 forms.
- ☐ Your current and all expired passports.
- ☐ All documents you have about your immigration record.
- ☐ Filing fee – varies by income level:

  The full fee is $725.

  - If you plan to pay for the application yourself, you will need a check, cashier's check, or money order made out to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

  You may qualify for a fee waiver or reduced fee.
  To check your eligibility, you must bring the following:

  - Proof of Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) public benefits such as your award letter.

    OR

  - Proof of your income, for example your most recent tax returns and pay stubs.

INTERPRETERS ARE AVAILABLE, BUT WAITING TIMES MAY BE SHORTER IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN INTERPRETER.

Additional Documents

YOU WILL NEED TO GATHER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Your children's complete names, dates of birth, and their alien registration numbers if they have one.
- ☐ The names, dates of birth, dates of marriage, and dates of divorce for all current and past spouses.

YOU MAY ALSO NEED THESE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

- ☐ Marriage certificate(s).
- ☐ Divorce decree(s).
- ☐ Proof of having supported your dependents.
- ☐ Legal name change document, (if the name on your green card is different from your current legal name).
- ☐ If you are applying based on marriage to a U.S. citizen, bring proof of your spouse's U.S. citizenship, (for example, a passport, naturalization certificate, or U.S. birth certificate) and documents that prove you live together, (for example, a utilities bill listing both of you living at the residence).
- ☐ If you have ever been arrested or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason, bring a Certificate of Disposition from the Criminal Court, a copy of the police report, and any other documents you have about the incident(s).