



## NEW CITIZEN CAMPAIGN

Over 100,000 immigrants and refugees living in the Seattle/King County area are eligible to become citizens, but have not applied. The New Citizen Campaign (NCC) makes it easier for eligible legal permanent residents to get on the path to citizenship. NCC utilizes multiple strategies to provide naturalization assistance: facilitating group processing workshops and one-on-one services, promoting broad-based outreach on the benefits of citizenship, and engaging with local and national partners.

# Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

## About Us

Our mission is to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee residents.

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## New Citizen Program

The New Citizen Program (NCP) provides free naturalization services to low-income immigrants and refugees living in Seattle/King County. Most services are bilingual and tailored to the specific needs of participants, with a focus on those who are elderly, have limited English skills, or cannot read or write. NCP partners are organizations that have deep roots in the communities they serve. Since its inception, NCP has served over 16,000 people resulting in more than 7,700 new Americans on the path to becoming citizens. You can see the most current NCP organization member list here: [www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/NCC](http://www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/NCC).

## Citizenship Workshops

Two workshops in 2016 will serve a total of 500 legal permanent residents (LPRs) who are eligible to naturalize. The workshops will take place on October 15 and December 4 and are free for LPRs who need assistance with completing their citizenship applications, especially low-income residents not eligible for fee waivers or free services. This collaborative endeavor involves community-based organizations, volunteer attorneys and paralegals, law schools, colleges, ethnic media, and businesses. Details about the citizenship workshops here: [www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/NCC](http://www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/NCC).

## Citizenship Loans

The high naturalization application process fees are a significant barrier to many. Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union and the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs worked together to develop citizenship loans so families can cover the costs. More information about these loan products here: [www.smcu.com/citizen](http://www.smcu.com/citizen).

## New Citizen Campaign Web Portal

The New Citizen Campaign web portal provides information and resources on how to apply for citizenship, how to prepare for the interview and test, and where to get help. It will include a comprehensive list of local organizations providing in-language services, ESL classes, and citizenship loans. The portal will launch in the fall of 2016.

## Partnerships

Our partners are key to our work.

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services helps promote citizenship nationally and makes resources easily available.
- CitizenshipWorks ensures that Seattle residents have access to an online tool to help with applying for citizenship.
- New Americans Campaign shares best practices and research on group processing.