



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. Since its inception, NCP has served over 19,000 people resulting in more than 9,500 new Americans on the path to becoming citizens. See other side for full list of NCP organizations.



Seattle
Office of Immigrant
and Refugee Affairs

About Us

The mission of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) is to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities through policies, programs, services, and community engagement.

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Am I eligible to become a U.S. citizen?

You must be all of the below:

- At least 18 years old.
- A permanent resident for at least 5 years (or 3 if married to a U.S. citizen).
- A person of good moral character.
- Able to read, write, and speak basic English (or qualify for an exception).
- Have a basic understanding of U.S. history/civics (or qualify for an exception).

New Citizen Program organizations can provide these services:

- Citizenship classes and tutoring support
- N-400 citizenship application assistance
- Fee waiver assistance
- Disability waiver assistance
- Interview preparation
- Interview representation

The benefits of U.S. Citizenship:

- U.S. citizenship granted to children under 18
- Sponsorship of immediate relatives
- Right to vote
- More access to SSI, financial aid, social security, and other public benefits
- Easier travel with a U.S. passport
- Eligible for federal jobs
- No danger of deportation or removal
- Full protection under the U.S. Constitution
- Able to take long trips outside the U.S. and live outside the U.S.

Funded by:



City of Seattle



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See other side for full list of New Citizen Program organization members.



NEW CITIZEN PROGRAM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

NCP is a consortium of 10 nonprofit organizations across Seattle/King County that can help you become a naturalized U.S. citizen. Most services are bilingual and tailored to the specific needs of the participants, including people who are elderly, illiterate, or have limited English skills. NCP partners are organizations that have deep roots in the communities they serve.

Agency	Contact	Language Capabilities
Asian Counseling and Referral Services (ACRS) 3639 Martin Luther King Jr Way S, Seattle 98144	Xiangping Chen (206) 695-7578	Cantonese, Khmer Mandarin, Spanish, Vietnamese
Catholic Community Services 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle 98144	Romina Coronel (206) 328-6314	Somali, Spanish
Literacy Source 3200 NE 125th St, Seattle 98125	Cory Goldhaber (206) 502-2061	Italian, Korean, Oromo, Spanish,
Multicultural Self-Sufficiency Movement 3820 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood 98499	Mihaela Sandu (253) 584-5615	Korean, Moldavian, Romanian, Russian
Neighborhood House 6 locations throughout Seattle and South King County	Marissa Graff (206) 734-0366	Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Russian Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya, Ukrainian Vietnamese
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) 615 2nd Ave, Ste 400, Seattle 98104	Natasha El-Sergany (206) 957-8644	Arabic, French, Spanish
Refugee Woman's Alliance (ReWA) 4008 Martin Luther King Jr Way S, Seattle 98108	Thi Thi Gray (206) 721-0243	Dari, Farsi, Pashto, Russian Somali, Ukrainian, Vietnamese
Sea Mar Community Health Center 8915 14th Ave S, Seattle 98108	Jose Rios-Solis (206) 764-4700	Spanish
St. James Immigrant Assistance 804 9th Ave, Seattle 98104	Patrick Suhrbier (206) 382-4511	Spanish
Ukrainian Community Center of Washington 13470 Martin Luther King Jr Way S, Seattle 98178	Oleg Pynda (206) 369-6398	Polish, Russian, Ukrainian