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US Citizenship Naturalization Transcript

U.S. citizenship through Naturalization can be applied for after the Applicant has been continuously residing in the U.S. as a Legal Permanent Resident for a period of 5 years. This requirement is only 3 years if the Applicant is married to and lives with a U.S. citizen spouse. Other exceptions apply including for those in military service. In addition to this requirement, a person must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Must be a person of good moral character during the applicable continuous residence period;
- Must not be otherwise inadmissible by having committed certain acts or crimes;
- Must have a basic knowledge of U.S. government and its history;
- Must be able to read, write, and speak basic English unless:
 - The Applicant is 55 years old and has been a permanent resident for at least 15 years; or
 - Is 50 years old and has been a permanent resident for at least 20 years; or
 - Has a physical or mental impairment that makes that person unable to fulfill these requirements.

Once a person is ready to file for naturalization, they must have resided within the state of the jurisdiction of the USICS District Office for at least 3 months.

Some preparation is required for the English exam that entails both English questions and a writing piece. Additionally, the Applicant must prepare for the government and history exam. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has helpful sample exams and flash cards for review that the general public can use to prepare. Their website link is USCIS.gov.

One additional U.S. government requirement is for men between the ages of 18 and 26, residing in the United States as immigrants, who must register with the Selective Service or have a reasonable excuse for not doing so.

BENEFITS & PRIVILEGES FOR NATURALIZATION

Once a person becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen he automatically receives all benefits of U.S. citizenship and will no longer have to worry about losing permanent residence status. Unlike Legal Permanent Residents, U.S. citizens can petition to immigrate their parents, siblings and married sons and daughters. Additionally, they are not subject to deportation for committing certain crimes and immigration violations.

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I'm Tony Ramos...thank you for listening.