

NATURALIZATION

Frequently Asked Questions

1. QUESTION: Where is the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Office?

ANSWER:

Albany

James T. Foley U.S. Courthouse
445 Broadway
Albany NY 12207

Buffalo

U.S. Citizenship Immigration Service
130 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo NY 14202

2. QUESTION: How do I know which Naturalization office to contact?

ANSWER: The offices are assigned to cover counties, as follows.

ALBANY Office	BUFFALO Office
Albany, Broome, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Warren, Washington	Cayuga, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Onondaga, Oswego, Tompkins

3. QUESTION: How do I obtain/renew an Alien Registration Card?

ANSWER: Contact one of the USCIS offices.

4. QUESTION: Where can I get the form to apply for citizenship?

ANSWER: Contact one of the USCIS offices.

5. QUESTION: What is the processing involved in becoming a U.S. citizen?

ANSWER:

1. Complete a citizenship application
2. USCIS will arrange an interview with you (in either Albany or Syracuse)
3. If you are qualified, USCIS may schedule you for a final hearing at the USCIS office or a Court hearing (either in Federal District Court or State Court.)

6. QUESTION: How long does it take to become a U.S. citizen?

ANSWER: Depending on the USCIS caseload, the entire process usually takes between three and six months.