

Becoming a U.S. citizen is a big moment—and the naturalization interview is often the final hurdle. With good preparation, you can walk in confident and ready. This guide will help you know what to expect, what to bring, and how to practice so the interview goes as smoothly as possible.

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What to Expect at the Interview

Phase	What Happens
Review of your form (N-400)	USCIS officer will verify the information on your application, ask if there have been changes since you submitted, and allow you to correct any mistakes. (e.g. name, address, marital status) USCIS
Identification & background checks	You'll present identification documents. Fingerprints and other background checks may be confirmed.
English test	If required, this includes speaking, reading one sentence aloud, and writing one sentence correctly. <i>Exceptions</i> exist based on age/permanent residency time. USCIS+1
Civics test	Questions about U.S. history & government . If interviewed before Oct 20, 2025, you'll take the 2008 version; if after, the 2025 version. USCIS+1



Documents You Should Bring

- Your appointment notice ([Form N-445](#) or other)
 - Valid photo ID (passport, driver's license, etc.)
 - Your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
 - Copies of documents supporting changes (if applicable): marriage, divorce, name change
 - Proof of continuous residence if needed
 - Any documents the officer asked you to bring in the application notice
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How to Practice / Prepare

- Use **USCIS study materials**: civics questions & answers PDFs, pocket study guides, and vocabulary lists. [USCIS+2USCIS+2](#)
- Watch or use mock interview scripts or videos to get familiar with the format & typical questions. [The Immigrant Learning Center+1](#)

- Review the 2025 civics test changes if you'll file N-400 on or after October 20, 2025. [USCIS](#)



Downloadable Resources

Here are some free, official resources you can download and use to prepare:

Resource	Description
USCIS Pocket Study Guide (M-1780)	128 civics questions & answers (2020 version), vocabulary for reading & writing tests. USCIS
100 Civics Questions & Answers (2008 version)	Good if your interview falls under the older version. USCIS

Resource	Description
Teacher / Mock Interview Script PDF	Practice scripts helping you understand how questions are asked. The Immigrant Learning Center
Vocabulary Self-Test Guide	Helps build confidence with wording used in the English portion. USCIS

Final Tips

- Dress neatly and arrive early.
- Be honest and clear. If you don't understand a question, ask politely for clarification.
- Bring all original documents plus copies.
- Keep up with USCIS's site for updates — especially civics test changes and which version applies to you. [USCIS+1](#)

To make memorization easier, visit our [Flashcards Guide](#) for study tools and downloadable flashcards. — [U.S. Citizenship Test with Flashcards: A Smart Study Guide](#)

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What should I do to ensure my Form N-400 is correctly filled out before the USCIS Naturalization Interview?**

Double-check Form N-400 for errors, ensuring all information is accurate and complete to avoid delays during the Naturalization Interview.

2. **How can I prepare for the civics questions in the USCIS Naturalization Interview?**

Learn the civics questions and their answers thoroughly, as these are essential components of the Naturalization Interview.

3. Why is it important to practice my English skills before the USCIS Naturalization Interview?

Practicing speaking and understanding English is crucial, as it enhances communication during the Naturalization Interview and helps demonstrate your language proficiency.

4. What documents should I organize before attending my USCIS Naturalization Interview?

Organize all necessary documents, including your green card, tax returns, and any other supporting materials, to present during the Naturalization Interview.

5. How can I build confidence for my USCIS Naturalization Interview?

Conduct a mock interview to simulate the process, helping you become familiar with potential questions and reducing anxiety for the actual Naturalization Interview.