

US Citizenship Test:

N-400 "Have you ever" / Yes or No questions



This guide is designed to help you understand and prepare for the 37 yes/no questions on Part 9 of the N-400 Application for Naturalization. These questions assess your eligibility for U.S. citizenship and your understanding of the responsibilities that come with it.

It's important to answer all questions truthfully. Providing false information could result in denial of your application or even legal consequences. If you're unsure about any question, consult with an immigration attorney or accredited representative before filling out the N-400 and going to your interview.

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Questions You Should Typically Answer "No" To (Questions 1–30)

These questions deal with past actions or affiliations that may affect your eligibility for naturalization. Most applicants will answer "No" to these questions, with the exception of the questions about registration with Selective Service (**22a. and 22b.**) and the questions about service in the U.S. Armed Forces (**25 and 26**), if they apply to you .

If you answer "Yes" to any of the other questions, be prepared to provide a clear and honest explanation, along with any relevant documentation.

Question	Answers
1. Have you EVER claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in writing or any other way)?	No, I have never claimed to be a U.S. citizen.
2. Have you EVER registered to vote or voted in any Federal, state, or local election in the United States?	No, I have never registered to vote or voted in any U.S. elections.
3. Do you currently owe any overdue Federal, state, or local taxes in the United States?	No, I do not owe any overdue taxes.
4. Since becoming a lawful permanent resident, have you called yourself a "nonresident" on a tax return or failed to file a tax return because you considered yourself a nonresident?	No, I have always filed my taxes as a resident since becoming a permanent resident.
Question 5. Have you EVER	
<p>been a member of, or associated with, any Communist or totalitarian party, or advocated the overthrow of any government?</p> <p>Advocated any of the following, or been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with any group anywhere in the world that advocated any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opposition to all organized government; ● World communism; ● The establishment in the United States of a totalitarian dictatorship; ● The overthrow by force or violence or other unconstitutional means of the Government of the United States or all forms of law; ● The unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers of the Government of the United States or of any other organized government because of their official character; 	No, I have never been involved with any such organizations.

- The unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property; or
- Sabotage?

6- Have you **EVER** been a member of, involved in, or in any way associated with, or have you EVER provided money, a thing of value, services or labor, or any other assistance or support to a group that:

No, I have never been part of any such group.

- Used a weapon or explosive with intent to harm another person or cause damage to property?
- Engaged in kidnapping, assassination, or hijacking or sabotage of an airplane, ship, vehicle, or other mode of transportation?
- Threatened, attempted, conspired, prepared, planned, advocated for, or incited others to commit any of the acts listed before?

7. Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:

No, I have never been involved in any such acts.

- Torture?
- Genocide?
- Killing or trying to kill any person?
- Intentionally and severely injuring or trying to injure any person?
- Any kind of sexual contact or activity with any person who did not consent or was unable to consent, or was being forced or threatened by you or by someone else?
- Not letting someone practice their religion?
- Causing harm or suffering to any person because of their race, religion, national origin,

membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?

Question 8. Have you EVER

a. served in, been a member of, or assisted any military or police unit?

No, I have never served in any military or police unit.

b. served in, been a member of, assisted , or participated in any armed group, for example: paramilitary unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, or guerrilla group?

No, I have never been involved with any armed groups.

9. Have you **EVER** worked, volunteered, or otherwise served in a place where people were detained , for example, a prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, or labor camp, or have you **EVER** directed or participated in any other activity that involved detaining people?

No, I have never worked or volunteered in such places.

Question 10

a. Were you **EVER** a part of any group, or did you EVER help any group, unit, or organization that used a weapon against any person, or threatened to do so?

No, I have never been part of any such group.

b. If you answered "**Yes**" to Item Number 10.a., when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever use a weapon against another person?

Not applicable.

c. If yes, did you ever threaten another person with a weapon?

Not applicable.

11. Have you **EVER** sold, provided, or transported weapons, or assisted any person in selling,

No, I have never done that.

providing, or transporting weapons, which you knew or believed would be used against another person?

12. Have you **EVER** received any weapons training, paramilitary training, or other military-type training?

No, I have never received any such training.

13. Have you **EVER** recruited, enlisted, conscripted, or used any person under 15 years of age to serve in or help an armed group, or attempted or worked with others to do so?

No, I have never done that.

14. Have you **EVER** used any person under 15 years of age to take part in hostilities or attempted or worked with others to do so? This could include participating in combat or providing services related to combat.

No, I have never done that.

Question 15 Have you EVER

a. committed a crime or offense for which you were not arrested?

No, I have never committed any crimes.

b. been arrested, cited, detained, or charged with a crime or offense?

No, I have never been arrested or charged with any crimes.

16. If you received a suspended sentence, were placed on probation, or were paroled, have you completed your suspended sentence, probation, or parole?

Not applicable.

Question 17 Have you EVER:

No, I have never engaged in any of those activities.

- Engaged in prostitution, attempted to procure or import prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution, or received any proceeds or money from prostitution?
- Manufactured, cultivated, produced, distributed, dispensed, sold, or smuggled any

controlled substances, illegal drugs, narcotics, or drug paraphernalia in violation of any law or regulation of a U.S. state, the United States, or a foreign country?

- Been married to more than one person at the same time?
- Married someone in order to obtain an immigration benefit?
- Helped anyone to enter, or try to enter, the United States illegally?
- Gambled illegally or received income from illegal gambling?
- Failed to support your dependents or to pay alimony ?
- Made any misrepresentation to obtain any public benefit in the United States?

18 Have you **EVER** given any U.S. Government officials any information or documentation that was false, fraudulent, or misleading?

No, I have always provided truthful information.

19. Have you **EVER** lied to any U.S. Government officials to gain entry or admission into the United States or to gain immigration benefits while in the United States?

No, I have never lied to obtain immigration benefits.

20. Have you **EVER** been placed in removal, rescission, or deportation proceedings?

No, I have never been in any such proceedings.

21. Have you **EVER** been removed or deported from the United States?

No, I have never been removed or deported.

Questions 22 (22a-22c are for male applicants only)

a. Are you a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays?

Yes/No (Answer truthfully based on your situation.)

b. If you answered "Yes," to Item Number 22.a., did you register for the Selective Service?	Yes, I registered for the Selective Service.
c. If you answered "Yes," to Item Number 22.b., provide information about your registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date Registered • Selective Service Number 	I registered on [Date], and my Selective Service Number is [Number].
23. Have you EVER left the United States to avoid being drafted in the U.S. armed forces?	No, I have never done that.
24. Have you EVER applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S. armed forces?	No, I have never applied for such an exemption.
25. Have you EVER served in the U.S. armed forces?	No, I have never served in the U.S. military.
Questions 26 to 29 are for applicants that have served in the US Armed Forces. Go to question 30 if you haven't served in the US Armed Forces!	
26a Are you currently a member of the U.S. armed forces?	No, I am not currently serving.
26b. If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 26.a., are you scheduled to deploy outside the United States, including to a vessel, within the next 3 months?	Not applicable.
26c. If you answered "Yes," to Item Number 26.a., are you currently stationed outside the United States?	Not applicable.
26d. If you answered "No" to Item Number 26.a., are you a former U.S. military service member who is currently residing outside of the U.S.?	Not applicable.

27. Have you EVER been court-martialed or have you received a discharge characterized as other than honorable, bad conduct, or dishonorable, while in the U.S. armed forces?	No, I have never been court-martialed or received such a discharge.
28. Have you EVER been discharged from training or service in the U.S. armed forces because you were an alien?	No, I have never been discharged for that reason.
29. Have you EVER deserted from the U.S. armed forces?	No, I have never deserted from the military.
30a. Do you now have, or did you EVER have, a hereditary title or an order of nobility in any foreign country?	No, I have never held any titles of nobility.
30b. If you answered " Yes ", to Item Number 30 a, are you willing to give up any inherited titles or orders of nobility that you have in a foreign country at your naturalization ceremony?	Not applicable.

Questions You Should Typically Answer "Yes" To (Questions 31–37)

These questions confirm your commitment to the United States and its Constitution. Always answer YES to these questions (31-37), except #33 unless you have a mental or physical impairment that keeps you from taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Questions	Answers
31. Do you support the Constitution and form of Government of the United States?	Yes, I do. I fully support the Constitution and the democratic form of government of the United States.
32. Do you understand the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?	Yes, I do. I understand the meaning and importance of the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States.
33. Are you unable to take the Oath of Allegiance because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment?	No, I am able to take the Oath of Allegiance. *If you answer Yes, skip questions Numbers 34 to 37.
34. Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?	Yes, I am. I am fully willing to take the complete Oath of Allegiance to the United States.
35. If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms (carry weapons) on behalf of the United States?	Yes, I am. If the law requires it, I am willing to bear arms in defense of the United States.
36. If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. armed forces?	Yes, I am. I am willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. military if required by law.
37. If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction?	Yes, I am. I am willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction if the law requires it.