

# Form N-400, Application for Naturalization Filing Fees



## Background

On Jan. 31, 2024, USCIS published a [final rule](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/31/2024-01427/us-citizenship-and-immigration-services-fee-schedule-and-changes-to-certain-other-immigration) to adjust certain immigration and naturalization benefit request fees for the first time since 2016. You can find the final rule at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/31/2024-01427/us-citizenship-and-immigration-services-fee-schedule-and-changes-to-certain-other-immigration>.

The new fees went into effect on April 1, 2024.

This document outlines the changes in fees, eligibility for fee waivers, and reduced fees for Form N-400, Application for Naturalization.

## What are the new fees for Form N-400?

The fees depend on the method of filing, whether online or on paper. There is a \$50 discount for filing online.

| Form N-400 Filing Method   | Previous Fee | Current Fee |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Online Filing:</b> Form N-400, Application for Naturalization | \$725        | \$710       |
| <b>Paper Filing:</b> Form N-400, Application for Naturalization  | \$725        | \$760       |
| <b>Applications for service members of the U.S. armed forces</b> | \$0          | \$0         |

There is no separate fee for biometric services.

## What are the new fee reduction guidelines?

USCIS has increased the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) income level for reduced fees. Naturalization applicants filing Form N-400 who have incomes between 150% and 400% of the FPG will pay \$380, which is half the full fee. Previous regulations provided the half-price fee for N-400 applicants whose incomes were between 150% and 200% of the FPG. See the Poverty Guidelines webpage for additional information at [www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/poverty-guidelines](http://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/poverty-guidelines).

The Department of Health and Human Services issues poverty guidelines in late January of each year.

Form N-400s with reduced fee requests must be filed using paper Form N-400s with Part 10 of Form N-400 completed. There is no separate form required for a reduced fee application.

See below for an example of eligible income based on household size for a family of four living in Washington, D.C.:

| <b>Household Size for Income up to 400% of the FPG</b> | <b>2024 Dollar Amount</b> | <b>Form N-400 Fee</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Household of 1   | \$0 to \$60,240           | Reduced Fee - \$380   |
| Household of 4   | \$0 to \$124,800          | Reduced Fee - \$380   |

## What are the new fee waiver guidelines?

USCIS fee waivers continue to be based on three criteria:

- Receipt of a means-tested benefit;
- Household income at or below 150% of the FPG; or
- Extreme financial hardship.

If USCIS approves the fee waiver, there is no fee to pay. Therefore, applicants should not submit any fee with the Form N-400 when requesting a fee waiver. If USCIS receives payment with a fee waiver request, the payment will be processed, and the fee waiver request will not.

Fee waiver requests must be filed on either with paper Form I-912s or with a written request attached to Form N-400.

See below for an example of eligible income based on household size for a family of four living in Washington, D.C.:

| <b>Household Size for Incomes up to 150% of the FPG</b> | <b>2024 Dollar Amount</b> | <b>Form N-400 Fee</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Household of 1  | \$0 to \$22,590           | \$0                   |
| Household of 4  | \$0 to \$46,800           | \$0                   |

For more information, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/frequently-asked-questions-on-the-uscis-fee-rule> and <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-fees/additional-information-on-filing-a-fee-waiver>.