

## **OVERSEAS NATURALIZATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES**

### **How do I File?**

If you reside overseas and wish to apply for overseas naturalization pursuant to the new law, please comply with the following:

- Submit a completed and signed [Request for Overseas Processing for spouses of active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, currently stationed abroad](#) to the following email address: [Rome.Natz@dhs.gov](mailto:Rome.Natz@dhs.gov).
- Submit a completed and signed [Form N-400](#), Application for Naturalization to the Nebraska Service Center, following the instructions below. In Part 2 of Form N-400 (Information About Your Eligibility), please notate your eligibility (either 316(a) or 319(a)) *and* mark Section D (Other) as "319(e)".

### **1. Cover Letter**

You are encouraged to enclose a brief cover letter directed to the Nebraska Service Center advising that you are currently residing overseas and qualify for Naturalization under either Section 316(a) or 319(a) and that you are interested in naturalizing overseas. Please print your name and overseas address (both local and APO/FPO) and identify the USCIS Office overseas where you would like your interview to take place (i.e. Frankfurt U.S. Consulate). You should expect this initial processing at the Nebraska Service Center to take between 120 to 180 days, provided necessary background checks have been processed to completion.

### **2. Completed Form DD-1278**

The [Form DD-1278](#) must be completed and signed by the Issuing Official showing that you have "concurrent travel orders" and are authorized to join **and** will or have already joined your military spouse on assignment abroad.

### **3. Two (2) Completed Fingerprint Cards Form FD-258**

If you are applying from overseas, your fingerprints must be taken at a U.S. Military base or at an overseas USCIS Field Office or American Embassy/Consulate abroad. If you are applying from the United States, your fingerprints must be taken at a USCIS Application Support Center.

### **4. Photocopy of your current marriage certificate**

If either you or your spouse has been married previously you will also need to provide proof of the termination of all prior marriages for you and your spouse (death/divorce certificates).

### **5. Proof of your spouse's U.S. citizenship (if eligible under 319(a))**

Acceptable forms of evidence are a copy of a valid United States passport, a United States birth certificate, certificate of naturalization, certificate of citizenship (A or AA), or Form FS-240 (Registration of Birth Abroad).

### **6. Two identical passport-style photos.** Photo requirements can be found at: [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/composition/composition\\_874.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/guide/composition/composition_874.html)

### **7. Proof that you are a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States**

A photocopy copy of your Permanent Resident Card (both front and back) or I-551 stamp.

### **8. Evidence of Marital Relationship**

This would include, but is not limited to: birth certificates for children born to you and your spouse, joint bank accounts, joint tax returns, etc.)

### **9. Fees**

The appropriate fee must accompany your application and is dependent upon where you are filing from:

**Outside the United States:**

If you are filing from outside the United States with biometrics (fingerprints) taken at a U.S. Military base, an overseas USCIS Field Office, or Department of State Embassy/Consulate, the fee of \$595.00 must be included with the application and made payable by check or money order to Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**Filing in the United States:**

Biometrics will be taken at a USCIS Application Support Center in the United States, therefore you must submit a filing fee of \$595.00, plus a biometrics fee of \$80.00. The total fee to be paid by a single check or money order is \$675.00, made payable to Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

10. **Attach Cover Sheet to the Application**

Please place a cover sheet on top of your N-400 application to ensure proper handling. The sheet should read:

**319(e)**

**Deliver to Military N-400 Point of Contact.**

11. **Mailing Address:**

All 319 (e) Naturalization applications should be mailed to:

**Nebraska Service Center  
P.O. Box 87426  
Lincoln, NE. 68501-7426**

12. **Processing Time:**

The initial processing of your application after receipt at the Nebraska Service Center will take between 120 – 180 days, provided necessary background checks have been processed to completion.

Once you have your receipt number you may check the status of your application online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).