



Am I Eligible for Citizenship?

In most cases, to apply for citizenship:

- You must be 18 years old
- You must have been a legal permanent resident for 5 years or 3 years (if you have been married to a U.S. citizen)
- You must have resided in the state or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services district where you're applying for the last 3 months
- You must have been in the United States for at least 30 months in the five years before you apply
- You must be able to read, write, and speak basic English
- You must have a basic knowledge of U.S. history & government
- You must demonstrate good moral character
- You must demonstrate an attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution

You are exempt from taking the English test if you are over age 50 at the time of your application and you have lived as a permanent resident in the United States for 20 years, OR if you are over 55 at the time of your application and you have lived as a permanent resident in the country for 15 years. If you are exempt from the English test, you will still need to take the civics test, but you can take it in your native language.