





AILA Citizenship Day 2024 Requests for Fee Waiver & Reduced Fee

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AILA Citizenship Day

- AlLA's 19th annual Citizenship Day will take place on or around Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- Citizenship Day is a single-day nationwide event hosted by AILA chapters across the country and their local grassroots partners. Each year, Citizenship Day helps thousands of eligible legal permanent residents to prepare and apply for U.S. naturalization.
- Every year, AILA chapters across the country host free or low-cost naturalization drives on the same day to amplify our pro bono impact and our voices.
- AILA members have helped thousands of LPRs take the final step towards citizenship over the past 19 years, but there are still nearly 9 million people eligible to naturalize in the US today.











CUNY Citizenship Now!

Nation's largest university-based citizenship and immigration law service provider



- 6 centers throughout 5 boroughs of New York City, on CUNY campuses with highest number of LPRs, 37 NY City Council offices
- 22 community-based naturalization assistance events yearly
- More than 15,000 New Yorkers assisted per year with all services at centers and events
- Over 8,200 are Naturalization
 Applications or Certificates of Citizenship



Webinar Outline

- Naturalization Fee Waivers Using Public Benefits
 - Types of Public Benefits
 - Eligibility
 - How to complete I-912
- Naturalization Fee Waivers for Income At or Below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines & for Temporary Financial Hardship
 - Eligibility
 - How to complete I-912
- Reduced Naturalization Fee with Income Between 150% and 400% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
 - Eligibility
 - Now part of N-400; Previous I-942 Eliminated

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEE WAIVERS

USCIS Fee-Waiver for Naturalization



- 1) Fee for N-400 Application is now \$760 (includes Biometrics Fee)
- 2) For those with household income between 150 400 % of poverty guidelines eligible for Reduced Fee \$380
- 3) Full Fee Waiver still available

COMPLETING FORM I-912

General Recommendations

- Fillable PDF recommended (check USCIS website for latest version)
 - 2013 version still accepted and much shorter (easier)
- USCIS still not accepting fee-waivers via electronic filing
- For applications completed by hand:
 - ALWAYS use a BLACK ballpoint pen
 - PRINT legibly. Do not use cursive script
- Be sure to complete all relevant portions of the form, and have applicant(s) sign, date and print his or her name
- On the I-912 Form, blank spaces for items that do not apply are OK
- Write dates in the order month/day/year using eight digits (mm/dd/yyyy)
- All official agency documents submitted to USCIS must be in English
 - Applicant should be provided a handout on how to obtain proper documentation if missing

Completing the I-912

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Request for Fee Waiver

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Form I-912

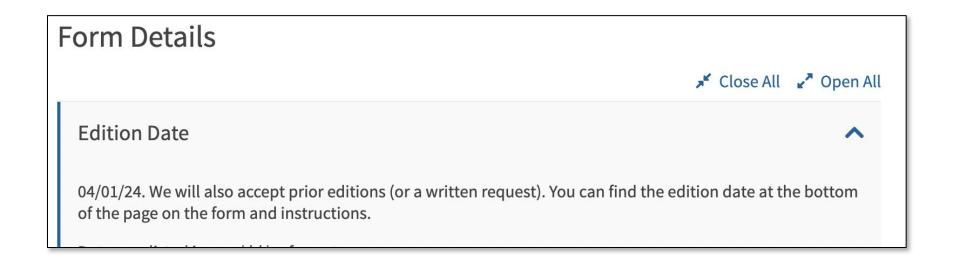
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4. Alien Registration Number (A-Number A
Form I-912 Edition 04/01/24

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Completing the I-912 Prior Editions Still Accepted

https://www.uscis.gov/i-912



- Current edition: 04/01/24 Edition; Expires 02/08/2026; 8 Pages
- 05/10/13 Edition; Expired 05/31/2015; Only 5 Pages

Part 1: Basis for Your Request

Select at least 1 option under which Applicant may qualify:

Part 1. Basis for Your Request (Each basis is further explained in the Specific Instructions section of the Form I-912 Instructions)

Select at least one basis or more for which you may qualify and provide supporting documentation for any basis you select. You only need to qualify and provide documentation for one basis for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to grant your fee waiver. If you choose, you may select more than one basis. You must provide supporting documentation for each basis you want considered.

1. A. I am, my spouse is, or the head of household living in my household is currently receiving a means-tested benefit. (Complete Parts 2. - 4. and Parts 7. - 9.)

B. My household income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Complete Parts 2. - 3., Part 5., and Parts 7. - 9.)

C. I have a financial hardship. (Complete Parts 2. -3. and Parts 6. - 9.)

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Complete the corresponding sections as instructed in application

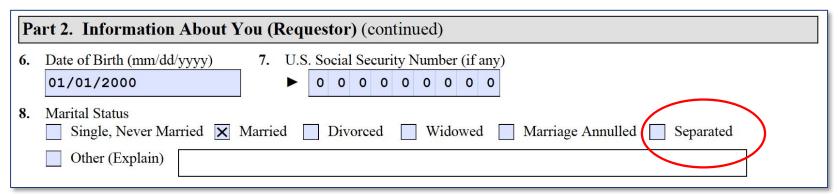
Part 2: Information About You (Requestor)

 Part 2 – Q's 1-8 Information About You: MUST MATCH N-400 or Application

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you	Provide information about yourself if you are the person requesting a fee waiver for a petition or application that you are filing for yourself. If you are the parent or legal guardian filing on behalf of a child or person with a developmental or mental impairment, provide information about the child or person for whom you are filing this form.								
1.	1. Check here if you are a parent or legal guardian filing on behalf of the person seeking the fee waiver.								
2.	2. Full Name								
	Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name						
	DOE	JONATHAN	A						
3.	Other Names Used (if any)								
	List all other names you have used, including nicknam	es, aliases, and maiden name.							
	Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name						
	DOE	JOHN							
4.	Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) 5.	USCIS Online Account Number (if any	7)						
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Part 2: Information About You (Requestor)

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 "Separated" means legally separated (in legal proceedings to dissolve marriage)

Part 3: Applications and Petitions for Which You Are Requesting a Fee Waiver

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1. In the table below, add the form numbers of the applications and petitions for which you are requesting a fee waiver.

Applications or Petitions for You and Your Family Members													
Full Name		A-Number (if any)						Date of Birth	Forms Being Filed				
JONATHAN DOE	A-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01/01/1985	Self	N400
JANE DOE	A-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12/01/1984	Spouse	N400
LITTLE DOE	A -	A- 0 0 0 0 0		0	0	0	0	0	02/01/2000	Daughter	N400		
	A-												
	Total Number of Forms (including self)								3				

Can be used for multiple applicants and forms. Make sure to include each applicant's:

- Full Name
- A-Number
 Form be
- DOB

- Relationship to primary applicant
- Form being filed
- Total Number of Forms being filed

MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

Part 1. Basis for Your Request (Each basis is further explained in the **Specific Instructions** section of the Form I-912 Instructions)

Select at least one basis or more for which you may qualify and provide supporting documentation for any basis you select. You only need to qualify and provide documentation for one basis for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to grant your fee waiver. If you choose, you may select more than one basis. You must provide supporting documentation for each basis you want considered.

- 1. A. I am, my spouse is, or the head of household living in my household is currently receiving a means-tested benefit. (Complete Parts 2. 4. and Parts 7. 9.)
 - B. My household income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Complete Parts 2. 3., Part 5., and Parts 7. 9.)
 - C. I have a financial hardship. (Complete Parts 2. -3. and Parts 6. 9.)

Means-Tested Public Benefits



- A "means-tested benefit" is a public benefit where the eligibility for benefit and amount received are determined by income and resources
- Determination made by agency in charge of administering benefit
- As long as sufficient proof is submitted, no further information is required by USCIS to show eligibility for fee waiver

Examples of "Means-Tested Benefits"

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Benefit *	Agency **
Public Assistance (PA)	(COUNTY) Department of Social Services
Cash Assistance (CA)	 NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA)
 FEPS: Eviction Prevention HEAP: Heating Assistance Food Stamps (SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Medicaid (MA) Essential Plan 	 ! Do not submit large format Budget Letter printouts from local HRA offices. The participant must call the hotline number listed on the HRA handout for an updated version of the letter. NY State of Health (NYSOH) Medicaid (MA) Essential Plan
SSI (Supplemental Security Income)	Social Security Administration (SSA)
Public Housing	NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development (NYHPD)
Section 8 Housing	NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)
	NYS Housing and Community Renewal (NYS DHCR)

NOTE: The official award letter from the agency administering the benefit may also be called a confirmation letter, verification letter, re-certification letter, approval letter or Notice of Decision

NOT "Means-Tested Benefits"



- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Social Security
- Worker's Compensation
- State Disability & Injury Benefit Programs
- Unemployment Insurance
- Student Loans
- Scholarships/Fellowships
- Pensions
- Spousal Support
- Child Support

Practice Point: Supporting Documentation Means-Tested Benefits



- Agency letters must be in English and list:
 - 1. Participant's Name
 - Name of benefit awarded
 - 3. Name of agency administering the benefit
 - 4. Type and/or amount of benefit awarded (SSI or SNAP)
 - 5. Most recent date the participant was approved to receive the benefit MUST be within the last year
- Participants who are missing documents or who have versions of documents that cannot be submitted (Ex. not in English, outdated, missing information, etc.) should receive the appropriate handout on how to get the correct documentation.

Part 4: Means-Tested Benefits

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If you selected Item Number 1.A. in Part 1., complete this section.

1. If you, your spouse, or the head of household (including parent if the child is under 21 years of age) living with you is receiving any means-tested benefits, list the information in the table below and attach supporting documentation. If you are the parent or legal guardian filing on behalf of a child or person with a physical disability or developmental or mental impairment, provide information about the child or person for whom you are filing this form if they are receiving a means-tested benefit.

Means-Tested Benefit Recipients										
Full Name of Person Receiving the Benefit	Relationship to You	Name of Agency Awarding Benefit	Type of Benefit	TO CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF THE	Date Benefit Expires (or must be renewed)					
JONATHAN DOE	SELF	NYC HRA	MEDICAID	01/01/2014	12/31/2014					

Fill out if you selected Item Number 1A in Part 1

- Name of the person receiving the benefit (in most cases the Applicant but could be a relevant family member)
- Relationship to Recipient

Complete Table and include:

- Name of the Agency
- Type of Benefit Awarded
 - Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, SSI, Etc.
- Date Benefit was Awarded
- Date Benefit Expires (or must be renewed)
- Copy of Benefit Award Letter (English)

Income At or Below 150% of Poverty Guidelines

Part 1. Basis for Your Request (Each basis is further explained in the Specific Instructions section of the Form I-912 Instructions)

Select at least one basis or more for which you may qualify and provide supporting documentation for any basis you select. You only need to qualify and provide documentation for one basis for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to grant your fee waiver. If you choose, you may select more than one basis. You must provide supporting documentation for each basis you want considered.

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B. My household income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Complete Parts 2. - 3., Part 5., and Parts 7. - 9.)

C. I have a financial hardship. (Complete Parts 2. -3. and Parts 6. - 9.)

2. What is your current immigrant or nonimmigrant status?

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Section 5: Household Income

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Household Size	Fee Waiver (Form I-912) 150% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*	Reduced Fee for Form N-400 400% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*
1	\$22,590	\$60,240
2	\$30,660	\$81,760
3	\$38,730	\$103,280
4	\$46,800	\$124,800
5	\$54,870	\$146,320
6	\$62,940	\$167,840
7	\$71,010	\$189,360
8	\$79,080	\$210,880
	Add \$8,070 for each additional person	Add \$21,520 for each additional person

- https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-f ees/poverty-quidelines
- Compare the income from Applicant's most recent tax return using ADJUSTED GROSS income (amount of money Applicant made before taxes were taken out of paycheck) to the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- In order to qualify for Fee Waiver on this basis, income must be BELOW corresponding figure for the household size on this chart
- Must submit FEDERAL Tax
 Transcript (or other income proof if transcript not available) as supporting documentation

Transcripts, Not 1040s

- Form 1040, the Federal Tax Return may no longer be accepted to document income, despite the instructions.
- If a Tax Return was filed, then a Tax Return Transcript should accompany the I-912 in lieu of the Tax Return Copy.

Documentation. To document your annual income, provide copies of the following:

- 1. A copy of your most recent Federal tax return, if available;
- 2. If you did not file a Federal tax return, or if your Federal tax return does not properly reflect your current income, submit copies of consecutive pay statements (stubs) for a minimum of the past month, recent Form W-2, Form SSA-1099, or statements from your employers on business stationery showing salary or wages paid;

IRS Tax Return Transcripts

The IRS offers 5 transcripts:

- <u>Tax Return Transcript</u>: shows most line items including the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), all dependents, and includes all schedules. THIS IS THE ONE TO SUBMIT WITH THE I-912.
- <u>Tax Account Transcript</u>: shows basic data of filing
- Record of Account Transcript: Combines both above
- Wage & Income Transcript
- Verification of Non-Filing Letter

https://www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-return-transcript-types-and-ways-to-order-them

Tax Return Transcript



This Product Contains Sensitive Taxpayer Data

Tax Return Transcript

SSN: XXX-XX-5084

SPOUSE SSN:

NAME(S) SHOWN ON RETURN: DRAK

ADDRESS: 123 DA

FILING STATUS: Single
FORM NUMBER: 1040
CYCLE POSTED: 20181005
RECEIVED DATE: Jan.15, 2018
REMITTANCE: \$0.00

EXEMPTION NUMBER:

DEPENDENT 1 NAME CTRL:

DEPENDENT 1 SSN:

DEPENDENT 2 NAME CTRL:

DEPENDENT 2 SSN:

DEPENDENT 3 NAME CTRL:

DEPENDENT 3 SSN:

DEPENDENT 4 NAME CTRL:

DEPENDENT 4 SSN:

PTIN:

PREPARER EIN:

Request Date: 08-09-2018
Response Date: 08-09-2018
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Helping Applicants Obtain their Tax Return Transcript

- Order Online Immediate Delivery: requires registration and precise data entry, which can be quirky. But immediate delivery.
- Order Online for Mail Delivery: requires SS, DOB, and exact mailing address from latest return. Can be quirky with the address. Takes 5-10 business days to deliver.
- Order by Mail using Form 4506-T; probably easiest for most clients, but requires a mailing (postage). Also takes 5-10 business days.
- Order by Phone by Calling 800-908-9946; also takes 5-10 business days

IRS Form 4506T-EZ

Form **4506-T-EZ**

Short Form Request for Individual Tax Return Transcript

(June 2023)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service ▶ Request may not be processed if the form is incomplete or illegible.

► For more information about Form 4506T-EZ, visit www.irs.gov/form4506tez.

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Tip: Get faster service: Online at www.irs.gov, Get Your Tax Record (Get Transcript) or by calling 1-800-908-9946 for specialized assistance. We have teams available to assist. Note: Taxpayers may register to use Get Transcript to view, print, or download the following transcript types: Tax Return Transcript (shows most line items including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your original Form 1040-series tax return as filed, along with any forms and schedules), Tax Account Transcript (shows basic data such as return type, marital status, AGI, taxable income and all payment types), Record of Account Transcript (combines the tax return and tax account transcripts into one complete transcript), Wage and Income Transcript (shows data from information returns we receive such as Forms W-2, 1099, 1098 and Form 5498), and Verification of Non-filing Letter (provides proof that the IRS has no record of a filed Form 1040-series tax return for the year you request).

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1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number or individual taxpayer identification number on tax return
DOE, JONATHAN	000000000
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
DOE, JANE	000000000
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code ((see instructions)
123 EVERY STREET, ANYTOWN, NY 10001	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instruction	ns)
5 Customer file number (if applicable) (see instructions)	
Note: Effective July 2019, the IBS will mail tax transcript requests only to your address of r	record See What's New under Future Developments on

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Spouse's signature

6 Year(s) requested. Enter the year(s) of the re business days.

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Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am the taxpayer whose name is shown on either line 1a or 2a. If the request applies to a joint return, either spouse must sign. Note: This form must be received by IRS within 120 days of the signature date.

Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506T-EZ. See instructions.

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

Signature (see instructions)

Date

Sign Here

Date

- Only those who did not file a tax return for most recent period are exempt from submitting Tax Returns/Transcripts.
 - Unemployed & received unemployment benefits: Submit form 1099-G; INCLUDE ALL PAYMENTS



If working or employed during last period: Submit recent
 W2 or Social Security Statement earnings record

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c Employer's name, address, and ZIP	anda .		1 Wages, tips, other compensation 2 Federal income tax with 48,500.00 6,835.00						
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f Employee's address and ZIP code					12d				
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Years You	Your Taxed Social Security						
Worked 1989	Earnings 1.489	Earnings 1.489					
1990	2,663	2,663					
1991	4,483	4,483					
1992	6,221	6,221					
1993	7,491	7,491					
1994	9,224	9,224					
1995	11,897	11,897					
1996	14,677	14,677					
1997	17,434	17,434					
1998	20,071	20,071					
1999	22,827	22,827					
2000	25,588	25,588					
2001	27,576	27,576					
2002	29,004	29,004					
2003	30,772	30,772					
2004	33,097	33,097					
2005	35,102	35,102					
2006	37,501	37,501					
2007	39,927	39,927					
2008	41,487	41,487					
2009	41,446	41,446					
2010	42,973	42,973					
2011	44,833	44,833					
2012	N	ot yet recorded					

Social Security benefits only: Submit form SSA-1099

Box 1. Name	Box 2	2. Beneficiary's Social Security Number				
Nicole S. Sterlin	g	252-XX XXXX				
Box 3. Benefits Paid in 20XX \$34,545.00	ox 4. Benefits Repaid to SSA in 20 \$0.00	Box 5. Net Benefits for 20 XX (Box 3 minus Bo \$34,545.00				
DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT Paid by check or direct \$29,934.85 Medicare Part B premium your benefits: \$1,384 Medicare Prescription 19 (Part D) deducted from \$810.00	ns deducted from .80 Drug premiums	5. Voluntary Federal Income Tax Withholding				
Benefits for CY: \$8 Benefits for PY1: \$8	545.00 ,820.00 ,820.00	7. Address icole S. Sterling 822 Broken Arrow Way our City, State and Zip Code				

Some Other Exceptions to Transcripts

- Unemployed & did not receive unemployment benefits: Submit letter of termination from employer
- If no income or can't document income, complete Part 3 Item 12 (change of circumstances) PLUS documentation from IRS confirming no transcripts or W2s
- If homeless:
 - Submit documentation from IRS of no transcripts or W2s; or
 - Affidavit from religious institution or non-profit community organization of support received

Documentation Red Flags

- On income & amounts reported, treat tax transcripts/returns as presumptively accurate
 - i.e. Assume correctly reported income
 - Refer applicant to accountant or tax preparer instead of giving tax advice
- However, we should screen for potential red flag issues:
 - Head of Household filings; esp. if married
 - Adult household members not listed on transcripts
 - Adult children over 21, unmarried, living with parents, and listed as dependents on parents' return
 - Taxes not filed, and no apparent valid reason not to file
 - Students not living at home but still tied to household
 - People listed as dependents who do not live with Applicant

Part 5: Income at or Below 150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Part 5. Income at or Below 150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines Provide information about your adjusted gross income. See Instructions for more details. If you selected Item Number 1.B. in Part 1., complete this section. **Current employment status** Your Employment Status on date signing the I-912 **Employment Status** Employed (full-time, part-time, Unemployed or Retired Other (Explain) seasonal, self-employed) Not Employed 2. If you are currently unemployed, are you currently receiving unemployment benefits? X No Yes A. Date you became unemployed (mm/dd/yyyy) What is your total household size What is the total number of household members earning income including yourself 2 Name of head of household (if not you): **Approximate Date is OK** if unemployed **Practice Tip: Compare HH Size Here to Tax** Transcript/Return

Part 5: Income at or Below 150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

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4.	Are you the person providing the primary financial support for your household?	X Yes No
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If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 4.**, type or print your name on the line marked "self" in the table below. If you answered "No" to **Item Number 4.**, type or print your name on the line marked "self" in the table below and add the head of household's name on the line below yours.

Household Size										
Full Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to You	Married	Full-Time Student	Is any income earned by th person counted towards th household income?					
JONATHAN DOE	11/11/1985	Self	X Yes No	Yes X No	× Yes	☐ No				
JANE DOE	12/11/1985	SPOUSE	X Yes No	Yes X No	× Yes	☐ No				
LITTLE DOE	12/01/2002	DAUGHTER	Yes No	X Yes No	Yes	× No				
			Yes No	Yes No	Yes	☐ No				
		Tot	al Household Siz	e (including self)	3					

Practice Tip: Compare HH Size Here to Tax Transcript/Return

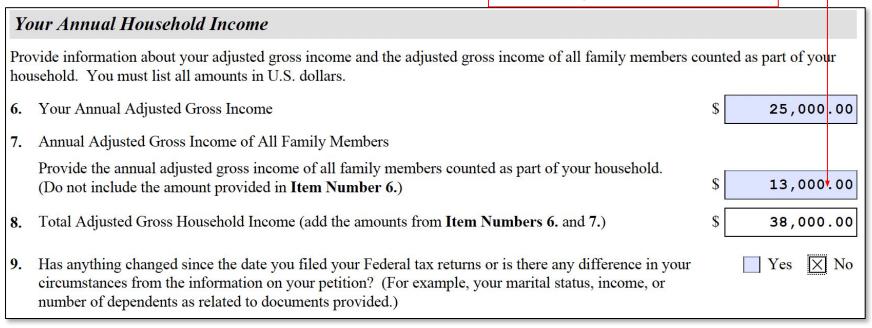
Practice Point: Determining Household Size

- The number of members in a household should be identifiable on Applicant's most recent Federal Income Taxes (Transcripts & Returns)
- If Applicant's most recent Federal Income Taxes are **not** available, the following household members should be included:
 - Spouse
 - If Applicant is married and does NOT live with spouse, Applicant DOES NOT need to list him/her as a household member, but must include any financial support the spouse provides (if any)
 - If spouses do not live together and no support is provided to household, write a brief explain about this in Section 5, Item 9.
 - Unmarried Children or Legal Wards (i.e. foster children) under age 21 and living with Applicant
 - Unmarried Children or Legal Wards 21-24 years old, who are full-time students AND living with Applicant
 - Unmarried Children or Legal Wards for whom Applicant is legal guardian because they are physically and/or mentally disabled to the extent they cannot adequately care for themselves and cannot establish, maintain or re-establish their own household
 - Parents
 - Anyone who has lived with the Applicant for the last 6 months of the tax year, for whom the Applicant provides > 50% of their living expenses.

Part 5: Income at or Below 150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Income; Qs 6-8

Insert total of # 6 & 7; auto fill if using current PDF



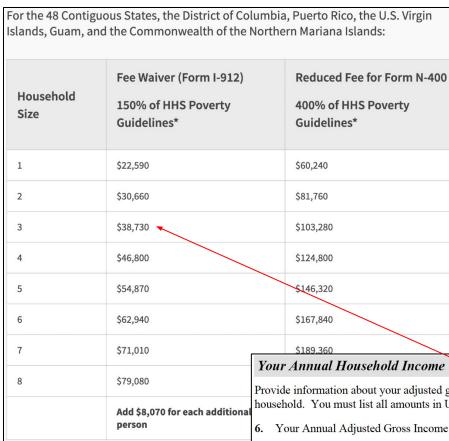
Practice Tip: Qs 6&7 refer to "regular" or "recurring" sources

USCIS Income Guidelines

For the 48 Contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:				
Household Size	Fee Waiver (Form I-912) 150% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*	Reduced Fee for Form N-400 400% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*		
1	\$22,590	\$60,240		
2	\$30,660	\$81,760		
3	\$38,730	\$103,280		
4	\$46,800	\$124,800		
5	\$54,870	\$146,320		
6	\$62,940	\$167,840		
7	\$71,010	\$189,360		
8	\$79,080	\$210,880		
	Add \$8,070 for each additional person	Add \$21,520 for each additional person		

- Check Household Size & USCIS Income Guidelines Chart to confirm eligibility:
 - < 150%; I-912 (Full Fee Waiver)
 - 150% to 400%;
 Reduced Fee for N-400 Only);

USCIS Income Guidelines

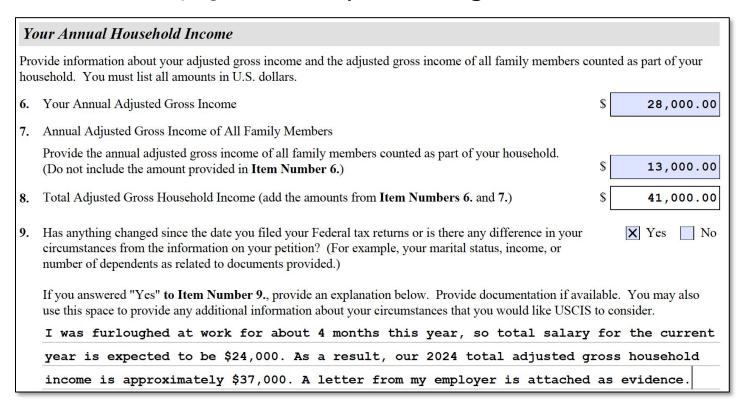


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 - 150% to 400%;
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	Yo	ur Annual Household Income		
nal		vide information about your adjusted gross income and the adjusted gross income of all family members co sehold. You must list all amounts in U.S. dollars.	unte	d as part of your
	6.	Your Annual Adjusted Gross Income	\$	25,000.00
	7.	Annual Adjusted Gross Income of All Family Members		
	:	Provide the annual adjusted gross income of all family members counted as part of your household. (Do not include the amount provided in Item Number 6.)	\$	13,000.00
	8.	Total Adjusted Gross Household Income (add the amounts from Item Numbers 6. and 7.)	\$	38,000.00
		Has anything changed since the date you filed your Federal tax returns or is there any difference in your circumstances from the information on your petition? (For example, your marital status, income, or number of dependents as related to documents provided.)		Yes No

Part 5: Income at or Below 150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Income; Qs 9 – To Explain Changed Circumstances



Practice Tip: Q9 - Explain any change of circumstances, if any, that may favor the petition for fee-waiver; esp. if Q8 answer shows too much income, but now reduced enough to qualify (at time of application)

Practice Point: Household Income Below 150% RED Flags

 Head of Household: Allows for certain tax credits not available under Married or Single

– Requirements:

- Considered Unmarried
- Paid > ½ Cost of keeping your Household for entire year
- Qualifying person **LIVED WITH** you for > 6 months (except dependent parents)

Qualifying Person

 Child, Parent, or Relative: Must meet specific requirements for each

Dependents

- If not filing under Head of Household status, taxes may still be "bad" if inaccurately claiming child or relative for exemption purposes
- Refer Applicant to free tax prep providers if you see these issues!



Part 6: Financial Hardship

- Time and resource intense
- Requires more documentation
- More difficult for USCIS to approve (case-by-case basis)

Part 6. Financial Hardship

If you selected Item Number 1.C. in Part 1., complete this section.

1. You may also use this space to provide any additional information about your circumstances that you would like U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to consider. If you or any family members have a situation that has caused you to incur expenses, debts, or loss of income, describe the situation in the box below. Specify the amounts of the expenses, debts, and income losses in as much detail as possible. This may include homelessness, major medical debt for yourself or a family member, and natural disasters declaration posted to www.uscis.gov.

I lost my job on November 1, 2023 when my employer closed the business, and my only income since then has been umemployment benefits of \$2,000 per month. My basic living expenses are approx. \$2,400 per month and this exceeds my current income. Therefore, I cannot afford the filing fee for my citizenship application right now because of this, and am depleting my savings on my basic living expenses.

Practice Tip: Q1 – Must be an actual "situation" that is "extraordinary" (i.e. not ordinary, and not poor financial management). Avoid descriptions that cannot be documented; will almost certainly be rejected or issued an RFE if documentation is not included.

Part 6: Financial Hardship

Part 6, Question 2 – Cash or Cash Equivalent Assets

2. If you have cash or assets that you can quickly convert to cash, list those in the table below. For example, bank accounts, stocks, or bonds. (Do not include retirement accounts.)

Assets				
Type of Asset	Value (U.S. Dollars)			
Bank Savings	100.00			
Total Value of Assets	100.00			

Practice Tip: Q2 – Probably not going to be approved if cash or equivalent assets significantly exceed the application processing fee. If cash assets can be liquidated without incurring further financial hardship, will likely be denied.

https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-b-chapter-4#S-D-3

Part 6: Financial Hardship

Part 6, Question 3 – Expenses / Liabilities

3.	Tot	al Monthly Expenses and l	Liabil	ities			\$	2,400.00
	Provide the total monthly amount of your expenses and liabilities. You must add all of the expense and liability amounts and typor print the total amount in the space provided. Type or print "0" in the total box if there are none. Select the types of expenses of liabilities you have each month and provide evidence of monthly payments, where possible.							
	×	Rent and/or Mortgage	\times	Loans and/or Credit Cards		Other		
	×	Food		Car Payment				79
	×	Utilities		Commuting Costs				
		Child and/or Elder Care		Medical Expenses				
		Insurance		School Expenses				

From USCIS I-912 Instructions:

Documentation. Provide evidence, where possible, such as copies of monthly bills and payments, and documentation for monthly expenses and any extenuating circumstances, such as medical bills. If you cannot provide evidence of income, you may submit affidavits from religious institutions, non-profits, or community-based organizations verifying that you are currently receiving some benefit or support from them.

Part 7: Requestor's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

- Must be signed by each Applicant requesting a Fee Waiver (including family members listed in Part 3)
 - Q 1. A.
 - Select if Applicant can speak English
 - Q 1. B.
 - Select if Applicant cannot speak English. Include the Applicant's preferred language
 - Q 2.
 - Select if the Applicant received assistance completing the form, fill in YOUR name
 - Qs 3 5.
 - Include Applicant's phone number, cell phone and email address (if possible)
 - Q 6. Requestor's Signature

	rt 7. Requestor's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature
	person whose information is provided in Part 2. may sign on behalf of the entire household. If the person listed in Part 2. is er 14 years of age, a parent or legal guardian may sign on their behalf.
NO	TE: Read the Penalties section of the Form I-912 Instructions before completing this part.
Sele	ect the box for either Item A. or B. in Item Number 1. If applicable, select the box for Item Number 2.
1.	Requestor's Statement Regarding the Interpreter
	A. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this request and manswer to every question.
	B. The interpreter named in Part 8. read to me every question and instruction on this request and my answer to every
	question in , a language in which I am fluer
	and I understood everything.
2.	Requestor's Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)
	At my request, the preparer named in Part 9.,
	prepared this request for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.
Re	equestor's Contact Information
3.	Requestor's Daytime Telephone Number 4. Requestor's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
5.	Requestor's Email Address (if any)
3.	Requestor's Email Address (It ally)
Re	questor's Certification
requ	oies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may nire that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any or records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit I seek.
	rther authorize release of information contained in this request, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records to other entit persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.
	rtify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my request, I understand all of the ormation contained in, and submitted with, my request, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.
I cer	rtify that the information provided by the requestor in Part 7. applies to the household members identified in Part 3.
USC	RNING: If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-912, CIS will deny your fee waiver request and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you may face severe penallies wided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.
	equestor's Signature
Re	
	Requestor's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyy

Part 8: Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

- Qs 1 6.
 - Filled in by and about Interpreter
 - Interpreter must sign & date

P	art 8. Interpreter's Contact Infor	mation, Certific	ation	, and Signa	ature				
Pro	vide the following information about the in	nterpreter.							
In	terpreter's Full Name								
1.	Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)			Interpreter's G	iven Name (Fir	st Nam	ie)		
				•					
2.	Interpreter's Business or Organization Na	me (if any)							
In	terpreter's Mailing Address						<u>w</u>	SPS ZIP	Code Lookup)
3.	Street Number and Name					Apt.	Ste.	Flr.	Number
	City or Town					State		ZIP C	ode
							₹		
	Province	Postal Code			Country				
In	terpreter's Contact Information								
4.	Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number		5.	Interpreter's	Mobile Telepho	ne Nu	mber	(if any	•)
6.	Interpreter's Email Address (if any)								
In	terpreter's Certification								
I ce	ertify, under penalty of perjury, that:								
Lat	n fluent in English and				whi	ch is th	e can	ne lano	uage specified
	Part 7., Item B. in Item Number 1., and I	have read to this rea	uestor	in the identif				_	
this	request and his or her answer to every quantum answer on the request, including the App	estion. The requestor	r info	med me that l	ne or she unders	tands e	very	instruc	
In	terpreter's Signature								
7.	Interpreter's Signature					Date o	f Sign	nature	(mm/dd/yyyy)
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Part 9: Contact Information, Declaration and Signature of Person Preparing this Request, if Other Than the Requestor

Q 7. A.

Select if the preparer is not an attorney or BIA rep

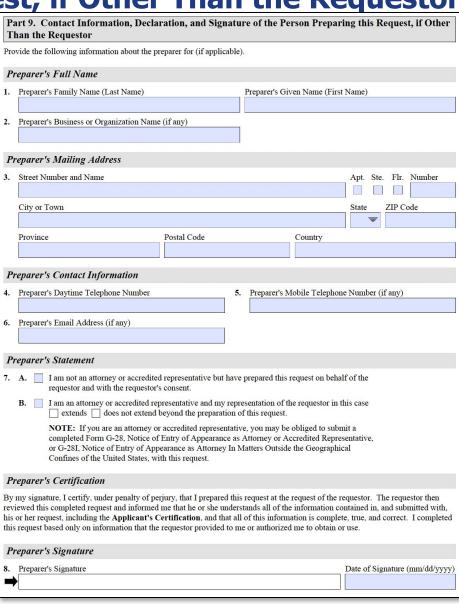
Q 7. B.

Select if the preparer is an attorney or BIA rep

Indicate if representation will be provided after the application is completed (check with your supervising attorney(s))

Q 8.

Preparer must sign and date form



Additional Information Section (Part 10)

you	ur answer refers.		
1.	Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name
2.	A-Number (if any) ► A -		
3.	A. Page Number B. Part Number	C. Item Number	
	D.		
1.	A. Page Number B. Part Number	C. Item Number	
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6.	A. Page Number B. Part Number	C. Item Number	
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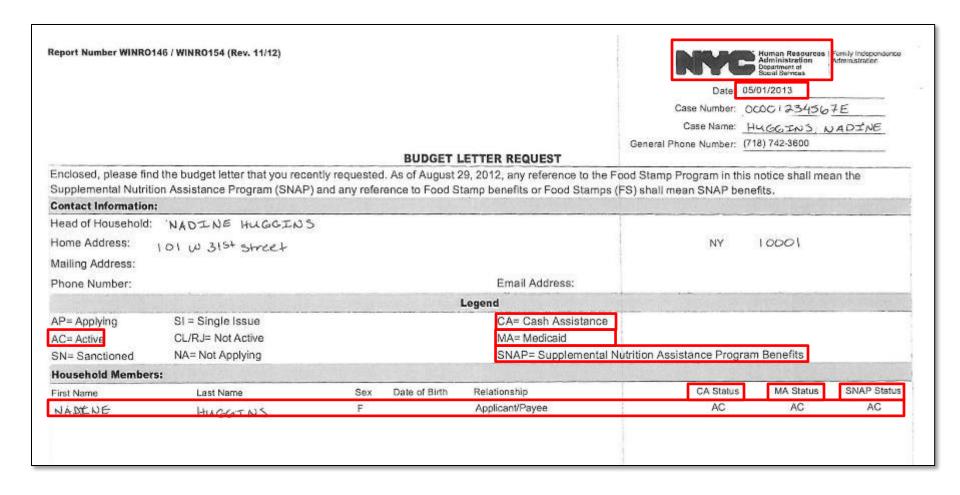
From instructions on Page 1:

If you need extra space to complete any section of this request or if you would like to provide additional information about your circumstances, use the space provided in Part 10. Additional Information.

Complete and submit as many copies of Part 10., as necessary, with your request.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Sample Document: Budget Letter



Sample Document: Medicaid



Consumer Information

Last Name	DOE
First Name	JANE
Middle Initial	
Street Address	101 W. 31St STORE, 9th FL
City, State, Zip Code	New York, NY 10001
Client Identification Number (CIN)	EAC1234K

their health insurance before the expiration date listed above.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Is currently in recei	pt of public health insurance. S/he has an active case for: Medicaid
	Family Health Plus
	Family Planning Benefit Program (covers family planning related services only)
	Other
☐ Was previously in r	receipt of public health insurance. S/he has a closed case for. Medicaid
	Family Health Plus
	Family Planning Benefit Program (covers family planning related services only)
	Other
	ecent coverage became effective on \frac{11\2014}{and is \$\scheduled\$ scheduled to n \frac{8\31\2015}{and is \$\scheduled\$ scheduled to be eligible for coverage

Note: This form replaces the MA Case/Suffix/Individual/Summary (WMS Screen 12) printout previously issued to consumers needing proof of public health insurance coverage for the purpose of receiving fee waivers for civil service exams and/or other public or private programs. As applicable, it is also issued

For consumers with currently active cases, assuming that all requirements for ongoing program coverage continue to be met, they will be given the opportunity to prove continuing eligibility and renew

Common Reasons for Rejection of Fee Waiver



- Insufficient Documentary Evidence
- Incomplete or Missing Documents
- Not sending Current Documents
 - Current = within last year for MTB
- Fee Waiver Form is not properly signed and/or dated
- USCIS Did Not Properly Adjudicate

After Filing...



- **If Rejected**: May re-file N-400 and new I-912 with alternative documentation or additional evidence
 - If original submission was incorrectly rejected, scan and email entire N-400 and fee waiver request to lockboxsupport@uscis.dhs.gov with explanation of why fee waiver should be accepted

FOR A REDUCED FEE ON N-400 ONLY

What is a Reduced Fee Request?

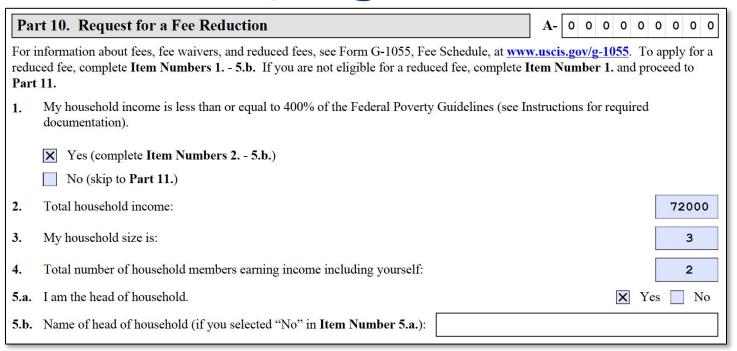


- USCIS recently raised fees for N-400 to \$760
- The reduced fee of ½ of the standard fee remains, but eligibility now expanded to include up to 400% of FPG
- Separate Form I-942 eliminated; section now integrated into the new N-400 with supporting documentation
- If accepted, fee reduced to \$380

Income Guidelines for Reduced Fee for N-400

_	ous States, the District of Columbia the Commonwealth of the Northe	
Household Size	Fee Waiver (Form I-912) 150% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*	Reduced Fee for Form N-400 400% of HHS Poverty Guidelines*
1	\$22,590	\$60,240
2	\$30,660	\$81,760
3	\$38,730	\$103,280
4	\$46,800	\$124,800
5	\$54,870	\$146,320
6	\$62,940	\$167,840
7	\$71,010	\$189,360
8	\$79,080	\$210,880
	Add \$8,070 for each additional person	Add \$21,520 for each additional person

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- Reduced N-400 fee if income between 150% to 400% of poverty guidelines
- Similar to I-912's income section, and with similar evidence