

Week 1

Tran was born in Vietnam and is now a **lawful permanent resident** in the United States, living in Pennsylvania. She comes into an immigration law office requesting assistance to apply for citizenship. She meets all the legal requirements. Practitioner Judy is asked to **Judy knows that, since Tran is applying for a benefit, the correct agency that Tran will interface with is the USCIS.**

How might Judy find the correct form and the other information requested?

Tran should go to the <https://www.uscis.gov> website and follow the prompts to find the correct form. For example, here are the steps I took:

1. Homepage Page
 2. Forms Page, N-400 | Application for Naturalization
 3. Form Details: instructions for form
 4. From there I clicked through to find information I needed
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1. Find the correct form: Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, is an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen. (<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-12-part-d-chapter-2>)
 2. The cost of the application: Online fee in \$710.00, Paper fee \$ 760.00, service members of the armed service are free. (https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/fact-sheets/OoC_FactSheetOnNatzFees_V3_508.pdf, page 2/29)
 3. Address where it should be mailed: You must provide a current, complete, and valid mailing address unless you are *homeless, a victim of domestic abuse* or you are applying under INA section 319(b). (<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-12-part-d-chapter-2>, Part 4)

Has a green card. I-551 Permanent Resident Card.

Lawful Permanent Resident Admission for Naturalization	https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-12-part-d-chapter-2
Instructions for Application for Naturalization	https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/n-400instr.pdf
Form N-400, Application for Naturalization Filing Fees	https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/fact-sheets/OoC_FactSheetOnNatzFees_V3_508.pdf

In general, you must show that you have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) in effect at the time of your admission or adjustment. This requirement applies to your initial admission as a lawful permanent resident (LPR) or adjustment to LPR status, as well as all subsequent reentries into the United States. In addition, you must show that you have not abandoned your LPR status. If you leave the United States and demonstrate you no longer intend to reside in the United States, that is abandoning LPR status.

You must be a lawful permanent resident for 5 years before applying for naturalization.

Kindly tell everyone a few facts about you and your aspirations. Provide:

Your name

Your major/minor

Where you are in your degree program

Who you work for and what you do

How many other courses you are taking at the same time

Any experience with immigration law

Why you are taking this course and what you are looking to get out of this course

I am Carmella, and I am taking this class to learn more about the law and not for any degree. This is the only class that I am taking this class this semester. I have no experience with immigration law, but I want to learn what is going on in this country so I can be an informed citizen! It would be helpful to learn about the recent Trump immigration executive orders, specifically having to do with the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Welcome Victoria! It seems like you have as much experience about immigration law that I do. It will be nice to hear any comments about being a notary and immigration law. Good luck to you.

Hi Monica! Wow, a chemistry instructor! Please share your experiences about what you learn about doing the paperwork for your mom. Perhaps you can combine a science and law education together to have an exciting new career path! Best of luck.