

What's New in the 2024 Edition

This edition of the *U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Handbook* includes discussion of:

- A class-action settlement under which uncharacterized discharges from military service are not considered dishonorable and the servicemember remains eligible to naturalize
- The holding in *Koonwaiyou v. Blinken*, 69 F.4th 1004 (9th Cir. 2023), that a parent retroactively made a noncitizen national under a 1986 statute can confer U.S. nationality on a child born abroad before the statute's enactment
- Expanded discussion of guidance in the State Department's Foreign Affairs Manual on the acquisition of citizenship despite birth outside the U.S.
- Introduction of forms allowing citizen parents to attest to prior U.S. residence, U.S. fathers to promise to support their children, and common-law spouses to attest to their marriage
- A circuit-by-circuit synopsis of holdings on judicial jurisdiction and available remedies when naturalization is denied to a noncitizen in removal proceedings
- Revised fees under the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services rule effective April 1, 2024
- The holding in *Sharma v. Garland*, 67 F.4th 1 (1st Cir. 2023), that an abandoned permanent residence application did not objectively manifest an intention to reside in the U.S.
- Recent decisions on the effect of removal proceedings
- Updated reproductions of forms and instructions
- Updated addresses for filing citizenship applications