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AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

AILA DC Chapter Citizenship Day Clinics

Saturday, September 15, 2018

10:00am - 2:00pm

*Except as noted below****

Maryland Locations	Maryland Locations	Virginia Locations
<p>Catholic Charities Esperanza Ctr. 430 S. Broadway Baltimore, MD 21231 *Pre-Registration Required, contact oabbas@cc-md.org 667-600-2931 **\$100 Consultation Fee catholiccharities-md.org/services/esperanza-center/legal-services/</p>	<p>ChesMRC 20 Bay Street, #1 Easton, MD 21601 *Pre-registration encouraged, contact Matthew: 443-786-1120 chesmrc.org/programs/immigration-legal-assistance/</p>	<p>Hogar Immigrant Services ***Workshop on Friday 9/14/2018 ***Registration 10:00am – 12:00pm 6301 Little River Turnpike, Ste 300 Alexandria, VA 22312 *Pre-registration encouraged, contact 571-208-1572 *\$110 Fee hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop</p>
<p>LASOS 33 W. Courtland Street Bel Air, MD 21014 *Pre-registration encouraged, contact Mel at 410-836-0333 www.lasos.org</p>	<p>D.C. Location</p>	<p>George Mason Regional Library 7001 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003 *Pre-registration encouraged, contact APALRC 202-393-3572 www.apalrc.org/events/event/</p>
<p>Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese Washington 12247 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20902 *Pre-registration required, contact 202-772-4352 for intake information www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ils/</p>		<p>Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School 1100 Harvard Street NW Washington, DC 20009 *Pre-screening required (free) at CARECEN - 1460 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009 Walk-in Screening Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm Contact (202) 328-9799 **\$50 clinic + \$10 mailing fee carecencdc.org/direct-services/citizenship/</p>
<p>CASA ***Registration 9:00am – 12:00pm 14645 Rothgeb Drive Rockville, MD 20850 Contact: 240-670-4850 *Must be registered CASA member (on-site \$35 registration available) **\$50-\$75 clinic consultation fee wearecasa.org/programs/citizenship/</p>		

During AILA DC's Citizenship Day receive free or low-cost consultations with immigration attorneys and citizenship application assistance for eligible Lawful Permanent Residents

General Naturalization Eligibility:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Lawful Permanent Resident for at least the last 5 years (or 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Physically present in the U.S. for 2-1/2 of the past 5 years (or 1-1/2 of the past 3, if married to a U.S. citizen), and no trips outside the U.S. for more than one year in the last 5 years (or 3 years, if married to a U.S. citizen)
- Have been a resident of the state from which you are filing your application for at least 3 months
- Be able to speak, read and write English
- Be able to pass a U.S. history and civics exam
- Be a person of "good moral character" (this will be difficult if you have failed to pay child support, not paid taxes, have been convicted of certain crimes, voted in the U.S., failed to register for selective service, etc.)
- Be willing to take an oath of loyalty to the U.S.

What to Bring to Citizenship Day

Everyone

- ✓ Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
- ✓ All current and expired passports
- ✓ State issued ID
- ✓ USCIS Fee (personal check, money order, or credit card):
 - o \$725 Application Fee
 - o \$640 if over the age of 75
 - o No fee if active military – bring proof of status
 - o To apply for fee waiver or reduced fee: 2017 taxes or proof of Public Benefits (Medicaid, SSI, TANF)
- ✓ List of home addresses for the past five years and the dates in which you resided at these addresses
- ✓ List of employer names and addresses for the past five years, including the dates of employment
- ✓ Information about all spouses (current and former) and ALL children (including adult, adopted, deceased, and step-children) – date and place of birth, A#, Green Card, and current address.
- ✓ All dates and the countries visited for any trips outside of the U.S. since becoming a permanent resident
- ✓ If necessary, bring interpreter or contact the clinic site in advance
- ✓ Any and all court or DMV records of any crime/arrest/conviction/probation/tickets/detentions
 - o You must bring documents if you have *EVER* been stopped, arrested, or detained by government or police or if you have had to appear in court for any reason, even if it was a long time ago or whether it was in another country or if your criminal attorney told you that the record was expunged or “erased”
 - o Bring all court records if you have ever had to appear before an immigration judge

Other Documents (if applicable)

- **Proof of any legal name change:** marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order for name change
- **If you have been married more than one time in U.S. or abroad:** all marriage certificates and proof of marriage termination (divorce, annulment, or death certificate)
- **If you are applying for US citizenship in 3 years based upon marriage to a US citizen bring:**
 - o Proof your spouse had been a citizen for the past 3 years (spouse’s birth certificate, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, US passport, or form FS240);
 - o Current marriage certificate;
 - o Proof of termination of all prior marriages for you and your spouse (divorce, annulment, or death certificate);
 - o And proof that you and your spouse are still living together (examples: joint tax returns, utility bills, bank statements, leases, mortgages, birth certificates of your children).
- **If you have a dependent spouse or children who do not live with you, bring:**
 - o Any court order to provide financial support
 - o Evidence of your financial support (examples: canceled checks, money orders or wire transfer receipts, evidence of wage garnishments, or letter from parent or guardian who cares for your children)
- **Overdue taxes:** If you owe any federal, state or local taxes bring proof that you have entered into a payment plan
- **Selective Service:** Men ages 18 to 25 in the US (regardless of immigration status) are required to register for the US Selective Service except those in certain nonimmigrant visa status (such as a student, temporary worker, or visitor’s visa). If you ever lived in the US between ages 18-26, please bring proof of your registration with your registration number.
 - o Visit the Selective Service website to check your registration and get your registration number: www.sss.gov
 - o If you did not register and you are under 31 years old, please consult a qualified immigration lawyer or BIA accredited representative about your eligibility.
- **Exemptions for English and/or Civics requirements:** You may qualify to do the civics exam and interview in your native language based on your age and length of time as a Permanent Resident, or if you are applying for an exemption based on a medical disability. Please contact the clinic organization in advance to see if you qualify and ensure that interpreters will be available to assist you.
 - o Eligibility for English exemption requirement (*not* the civics exam) based on age and time as resident:
 - Over 50 years old AND at least 20 years as Lawful Permanent Resident
 - Over 55 years old AND at least 15 years as Lawful Permanent Resident
 - Over 65 years old AND at least 20 years as Lawful Permanent Resident (get shorter exam)
 - o Exemption of English and/or civics exam due to medical disability: must have doctor fill out and sign Form N-648 explaining how your disability prevents you from learning new information. www.uscis.gov/n-648