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U.S. Citizenship Civics Questions



2025 CIVICS TEST

N-400

Sample practice questions

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How to use this guide

Start with questions 1–10 from the 128-question civics bank. Answer aloud, then check the accepted answers.

01

Read the question in English

Read one question at a time. The next section explains what to expect during the spoken test.

02

Answer before looking

Cover the answer area and say your answer aloud. When the question asks for several answers, give the number shown in red.

03

Review the study note

Use the note to understand why an answer works. If an answer depends on your address or a current official, use the linked lookup before your interview.

FORM N-400

The last section explains five sample prompts from the naturalization application. Practice answering them in English using your own information, and consult the official form for exact wording.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

USCIS 2025 civics question bank

USCIS current-answer updates

USCIS Form N-400 and instructions

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10 CIVICS QUESTIONS / 5 N-400 PRACTICE PROMPTS

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NUMBERING KEY

Section 01 is a chapter. Q001 is a civics question number. The number in the navy footer is the book page.

2025 CIVICS TEST / INTERVIEW PRACTICE

How the spoken test works

The civics test is an oral part of the naturalization interview.

Listen to the officer

During the naturalization interview, a USCIS officer asks the civics questions aloud. Listen to each question and give your answer aloud.

Know the passing score

On the standard 2025 test, the officer asks up to 20 questions from the 128-question bank. You need at least 12 correct answers to pass.

Practice answering in English

Most applicants answer in English. USCIS has exceptions for eligible applicants. If a question asks for two or three answers, say that many.

TRY IT OUT LOUD

Officer: What is the supreme law of the land?

You: The U.S. Constitution.

Cover the answer and ask someone to read the question. Answer in English before checking.

USCIS 2025 civics test and question bank

USCIS exceptions and accommodations

01 American Government

QUESTIONS 001–010

Principles of American government

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Q001 USCIS QUESTION — GIVE ONE ANSWER

What is the form of government of the United States?

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- Republic
- Constitution-based federal republic
- Representative democracy

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE

Citizens elect representatives. A written Constitution organizes a federal government and limits its power.

Q002 USCIS QUESTION

What is the supreme law of the land?

ACCEPTED ANSWER

(U.S.) Constitution

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE

The Constitution establishes the federal government and takes precedence over conflicting laws.

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Q003 USCIS QUESTION GIVE ONE ANSWER

Name one thing the U.S. Constitution does.

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- Forms the government
- Defines powers of government
- Defines the parts of government
- Protects the rights of the people

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
The Constitution creates the framework for government, distributes power, and protects rights.

Q004 USCIS QUESTION

The U.S. Constitution starts with the words "We the People." What does "We the People" mean?

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- Self-government
- Popular sovereignty
- Consent of the governed
- People should govern themselves
- (Example of) social contract

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
The phrase places the source of government authority in the people and their consent.

Q005 USCIS QUESTION

How are changes made to the U.S. Constitution?

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- Amendments
- The amendment process

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
An amendment is a formal change to the Constitution. Article V lays out the amendment process.

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Q006 USCIS QUESTION

What does the Bill of Rights protect?

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- (The basic) rights of Americans
- (The basic) rights of people living in the United States

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
The Bill of Rights protects liberties such as speech and religion and sets limits on government power.

Q007 USCIS QUESTION

How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have?

ACCEPTED ANSWER

Twenty-seven (27)

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
The first ten amendments make up the Bill of Rights. Seventeen additional amendments bring the total to 27.

Q008 USCIS QUESTION

Why is the Declaration of Independence important?

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- It says America is free from British control.
- It says all people are created equal.
- It identifies inherent rights.
- It identifies individual freedoms.

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE
The Declaration announced separation from Britain and grounded independence in equality and inherent rights.

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Q009 USCIS QUESTION

What founding document said the American colonies were free from Britain?

ACCEPTED ANSWER

Declaration of Independence

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE

The Declaration of Independence explains why the thirteen colonies were separating from Britain.

Q010 USCIS QUESTION GIVE TWO ANSWERS

Name two important ideas from the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

ACCEPTED ANSWER OPTIONS

- Equality
- Liberty
- Social contract
- Natural rights
- Limited government
- Self-government

CIVIC READY STUDY NOTE

Both founding documents reflect ideas about individual rights, government by consent, and limits on power.

02 Form N-400

5 SAMPLE PRACTICE PROMPTS

Application for Naturalization / USCIS form edition 01/20/25

CIVIC READY PRACTICE PROMPTS

These prompts summarize and sometimes group form items. For exact wording, use the official form.

PART 2 / ITEMS 1–3

What is your legal name? What other names have you used? Are you asking to change your name?

Review your current legal name, earlier names you have used and any requested new legal name. Check the form's instructions for which names to list.

PART 4 / ITEMS 1–3

Where have you lived, and where do you receive mail?

Physical address is where you live. Mailing address is where you receive mail. Review the applicable address-history period and each date range.

PART 8

What trips did you take outside the United States?

Review departure and return dates and countries visited. Follow the form's instructions for the applicable time window and for day trips.

PART 9 / ITEM 1

Have you ever said or represented that you were a U.S. citizen?

A claim may be written or made another way. Review what happened and when, using the exact scope of the form question.

Official USCIS Form N-400

Official instructions

N-400 SAMPLE PROMPTS

Name, residence, travel, background and the oath

PART 9 / ITEM 34

Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance?

An oath is a formal promise. Read Part 16 to review what the oath says.

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- **10 civics questions with answers**
- **Sample Form N-400 questions with explanations**

EXPLORE THE FULL GUIDE

All 128 civics questions and more Form N-400 practice

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