# **Instructions for Form N-426, Request for** Certification of Military or Naval Service

#### **Instructions**

**NOTE:** Type or print clearly with black ink. Be sure this form and the complete return address are legible. Do not leave any questions unanswered. When appropriate, insert "None," "Not Applicable," or "N/A." For further assistance, contact the Military Help Line, 1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645) or visit www.uscis.gov/military.

### What Is the Purpose of This Form?

This form is for current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are applying for naturalization under the Immigration and Nationality Act. Completion and certification of this form by the applicant and certifying official will serve as an authenticated certification of military service.

Failure to provide the information requested, with the exception of your U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization. Your application will not be denied for failure to provide your SSN; however, it may prove difficult to verify your military service if you do not provide it since military records are indexed by SSN.

#### How to File

If you are applying for naturalization under section 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, submit this form along with:

- 1. Form N-400, Application for Naturalization; and
- 2. Copy of Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or NGB Form 22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service.

Refer to "Where to File?" of the filing instructions for Form N-400.

### **Authority for Collecting This Information**

Our authority for collecting the information requested on this form is contained in sections 328 and 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439 and 1440).

Information solicited that indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, may be referred as a routine use to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local, or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating, enforcing, or prosecuting such violations.

All or part of the information solicited may as a matter of routine use be disclosed to courts exercising naturalization jurisdiction and to other Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies, the Department of Defense, including any component thereof, Selective Service System, Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Central Intelligence Agency, Interpol, and individuals and organizations that process the application for naturalization, or during the courses of investigations, to elicit further information required by USCIS to carry out its functions.

Failure to provide any or all of the solicited information may delay the naturalization process or result in a failure to locate military records or prove qualifying military service.

## **USCIS Privacy Act Statement**

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et seq.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. The information you provide will be used to grant or deny the benefit sought.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.

ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this form may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations following approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20529-2020, OMB No. 1615-0053. **Do not mail your application to this address.**