

## OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION STATUS

### CITIZENS

All persons who were born in the United States are, with rare exception, United States citizens. United States citizenship can also be acquired by naturalization or acquired by persons who are born in another country and whose parent(s) are citizens of the United States. Lengthy residence in this country or marriage to a U.S. citizen does not by itself bestow citizenship.

Once a person's citizenship is documented, it need not be re-documented unless that person's citizenship becomes questionable.

**Documentation:** The following are examples of items which constitute primary documentation of U.S. citizenship:

#### Documents which Establish both Citizenship and Identity

- U.S. passport book/card;
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570);
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (N-560 or N-561); or
- NYS Enhanced Driver's License (EDL).

#### Secondary Documents which Establish Citizenship but also require one identity document from the Identity Documentation list below:

- U.S. Birth Certificate showing birth in one of the 50 U.S. States, District of Columbia, American Samoa, Swain's Island, Puerto Rico (if born on or after 4/11/1899), Virgin Islands of the U.S. (on or after 2/25/1927), Northern Mariana Islands (after 11/3/1986 [NMI local time]), or Guam (on or after 4/10/1899);
- Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) ;
- Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (FS-240);
- Certification of birth issued by Department of State (Forms FS-545 or DS-1350);
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-197 or I-179);
- Northern Mariana Identification Card (I-873);
- American Indian Card with classification code of "KIC" (I-872);
- Final adoption decree showing U.S. place of birth;
- Evidence of U.S. civil service employment before 6/1/1976;
- Military record of service showing U.S. place of birth (i.e., DD-214); or
- Evidence of qualifying for U.S. citizenship under the Child Citizenship Act of 2000.