

SEEK LEGAL HELP BEFORE APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP

We recommend that you have your citizenship application reviewed for possible eligibility problems before you submit it to the INS. Especially if any of the following things is true for you, you will need legal advice before applying for citizenship. These things don't necessarily mean that you cannot apply for naturalization, but make sure you talk to your screening volunteer specifically about these issues, so you can know whether you may have a problem, so you can be referred to an immigration attorney if necessary, and so you can best explain your situation to the INS.

Check the box next to whichever of the following is true for you:

- You have been out of the U.S. for more than 6 months at a time since getting your green card.
- You have moved to another country since getting your green card.
- You have been arrested, convicted, or have admitted committing a crime.
- You have a deportation order against you - past or present.
- You have failed to pay taxes, or paid as a non-resident.
- You have failed to pay child support.
- You were required (men between 18 and 26 years old) and failed to register for military service.
- You are on probation or parole from a criminal conviction.
- The information on your citizenship application differs from or contradicts the information you gave to get your green card.
- You made false statements to obtain your green card.
- You have done something which could make you deportable, for example:
 - certain crimes, such as robbery, bigamy, prostitution
 - any drug crime
 - been accused of helping someone enter the U.S. illegally, even your child, parent or spouse
 - been accused of using false documents
- You have been accused of committing domestic violence, child abuse or child neglect.
- You have voted in any election in the U.S.