

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

N-470, Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes

Fee Stamp

(Please read instructions)

Take or mail to:

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Alien Registration No.

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

1. My full true name is _____

2. My home address in the United States is _____
(Number and Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

(Zip code)

My foreign address (is will be) _____
(Number and Street)

(City or Town)

(State)

3. I am an alien. I was lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence at _____

_____ under the name of _____
(Port of entry)

on _____ on the vessel _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (if otherwise than vessel, show manner of arrival)

I have resided in and have been physically present in the United States for an uninterrupted period of at least _____ year(s) since such lawful entry. Since the date of my lawful entry, I have been absent from the United States as follows (include date of last departure if now abroad, and if necessary, attach an additional sheet to show all absences):

Date of departure	Date and port of return	Name of vessel	Purpose of trip

4. Since becoming a permanent resident, have you ever filed an income tax return as a nonresident alien or otherwise claimed or received benefits as a nonresident alien under the income tax laws? Yes No

5. I (am, will be, was) employed as, or under contract as, _____

by _____
(Name of employer)

address _____
(Number and street) (City or town) (State) (Zip code)

Such employment of contract $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{necessitates} \\ \text{will necessitate} \\ \text{necessitated} \end{array} \right\}$ my presence in _____
(Country or Countries)

from _____ to _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Month) (Day) (Year)

6. My absence from the United States for such periods (is will be was):

- on behalf of the United States Government.
- for the purpose of carrying on scientific research on behalf of an American institution of research.
- for the purpose of engaging in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States on behalf of an American firm or corporation or a subsidiary thereof engaged in the development of such trade and commerce.
- necessary for the protection of the property rights abroad of an American firm or corporation engaged in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States.
- on behalf of a public international organization of which the United States is a member, by which I was first employed on _____
- solely in my capacity as a clergyman, missionary, brother, nun, or sister.

Report of Adjudications Officer

I have investigated this application for benefits under Section [(316(b)) (317)] of the Immigration and Nationality Act and find that:

1. The applicant (was) (was not) lawfully admitted for permanent residence, his status (having) (not having) changed.
2. Applicant for benefits of Section 316(b):
 - (a) (Has) (Has not) resided in and been physically present in the United States for an uninterrupted period of at least one year after lawful admission for permanent residence.
 - (b) (Has) (Has not) filed the application before being absent from the United States for a continuous period of one year.
 - (c) [(Is) (Is not) (Will be) (Will not be)] employed or under contract as alleged in this application; and the employer or contractor named in this application (is) (is not) engaged in the type of business described in Section 316(b).
3. Applicant for the benefits of Section 317:
 - (a) (Has) (Has not) been physically present and residing in the United States for an uninterrupted period of at least one year after lawful admission for permanent residence.
 - (b) [(Is) (Is not) (Will be) (Will not be)] absent solely for the purpose alleged in this application; and the denomination or organization named in this application (is) (is not) of the class described in Section 317.
4. Supplemental report or order (is) (is not) attached.
5. I recommend that the application be (granted) (denied).

(Signature of Adjudications Officer)

(Title)

(Date)

ORDER

It is Ordered that the within-named applicant be _____ granted the benefits applied for in this application to cover absence from the United States from the date stated therein to an indefinite date thereafter so long as he or she remains in the employment and is absent for the purposes alleged therein.

(District Director)

(Date)

INSTRUCTIONS

(Tear off this page and keep for your information before submitting this application.)

To be eligible for preservation of residence benefits under section 316(b) or 317 of the Immigration Nationality Act (the Act), an applicant generally must (1) establish that he or she has been physically present and residing in the United States for an uninterrupted period (that is, without any absence whatsoever) of a least one year after lawful admission for permanent residence, and (2) submit the N-470 application to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) before he or she has been absent from the United States for a continuous period of one year. When furnishing information regarding absences in item 3, the applicant **must show each departure from and return to** the United States, including absences in foreign contiguous countries, no matter how short. However, an applicant who has been or will be absent from the United States solely in the capacity of clergyman or clergywoman, missionary, brother, nun, or sister, may complete the one year of uninterrupted physical presence after the period of absences and may submit the application even after an absence of more than one year.

The Act also generally requires an applicant for naturalization to have been physically present within the United States for at least one-half of the period of five years (or three years, if the applicant qualifies under the citizen-spouse section) immediately preceding the date of filing an application for naturalization. The granting of this application does not relieve the applicant for naturalization from this physical presence requirement during that period. However, persons who are employed by, or under contract with, the Government of the United States and persons absent in their capacity as clergymen or clergywomen, missionaries, brothers, nuns, or sisters, are considered as physically present in the United States during the period of approved absence for the purpose of the 50 percent requirement (but not for the one year of physical presence referred to in the paragraph immediately above). A person to whom this application was granted must also establish that his or her absence from the United States has been for the purpose stated in the application.

The evidence submitted in support of this application to the BCIS should be in the form of an official communication from the appropriate officer of the department or agency of the United States Government, or the public international organization, or affidavit or affidavits executed by the appropriate administrative official of the American institution or religious denomination or interdenominational mission by whom the applicant is, was, or will be employed or with whom he or she entered into the contract; or by the appropriate administrative official of the American firm or corporation, or subsidiary thereof, by whom the applicant is, or will be employed. Where an affidavit is made with respect to employment by such firm or corporation or subsidiary, it should state:

- (a) *the title of the official making the affidavit, the name of the firm or corporation in which he or she holds office and whether he or she has access to the records of the same;*
- (b) *whether the employing organization is an American firm or corporation engaged in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or subsidiary thereof;*
- (c) *the nature of the business which is conducted by the employing organization, church, religious denomination, or interdenominational mission;*
- (d) *if it is a corporation, the name of the State under laws of which it was organized, the date of incorporation, and that it is existent;*
- (e) *if it is a subsidiary (whether American or foreign) of an American firm or corporation engaged in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, the affidavit should be executed by an appropriate administrative official of the parent organization and should state the facts of ownership and or control of the subsidiary and the exact percentage of stock owned by the parent organization;*
- (f) *the facts of the applicant's employment, including the nature of the service to be performed by him or her, during the period or periods of absence to be considered;*
- (g) *whether the applicant will be engaged in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or the applicant's absence from the United States was or will be necessary to the protection of the property rights abroad of the employing firm or corporation or subsidiary during the period or periods of absence to be considered, or solely in the capacity of a regularly ordained clergyman or clergywoman, missionary, brother, nun, or sister; and in case of one employed by a public international organization the date when and place where the applicant was first employed.*

INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

An alien admitted for permanent residence, who claimed or claims nonresident alien status under the income tax laws, may be regarded as having abandoned his or her residence in the United States and as having lost permanent resident status under the immigration and naturalization laws. Consequently, he or she may be or become ineligible for naturalization or for preservation of residence. If you have claimed nonresident alien status, submit a full explanation on a

Approval of this application will be only for the employment and conditions stated. Any changes of employment must be approved by a new application.

Approval of this application will not relieve you of the requirement to present a valid document for reentry into the United States.

FEE- A fee of \$95.00 must be paid for filing this application. It cannot be refunded, regardless of the action taken on the application. DO NOT MAIL CASH. ALL FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE EXACT AMOUNT.

Payment by check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other institution located in the United States and be payable in United States currency. If the applicant resides in Guam and is filing the application in Guam, the check or money order must be payable to the "Treasurer, Guam." If applicant resides in the U.S. Virgin Islands and is filing the application in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the check or money order must be payable to the "Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands." All other applicants must make the check or money order payable to the "Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services."

When the check is drawn on an account of a person other than the applicant, the name of the applicant must be entered on the face of the check. If the application is submitted from outside the United States, remittance may be made by a bank international money order or foreign draft drawn on a financial institution in the United States and payable to the "Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services" in United States currency.

Personal checks are accepted subject to collection. An uncollected check will render the application and any document issued pursuant thereto invalid. A charge of \$30.00 will be imposed if a check in payment of a fee is not honored by the bank on which it is drawn.

Authority for collection of the information requested on this form is contained in sections 316, 317 and 332 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1427, 1428 and 1443). Submission of the information is voluntary. The principal purpose for requesting the information is to determine whether the applicant, who intends to be absent from the United States for a continuous period of a year or more, is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes. The information requested may, as a matter of routine use, be disclosed to naturalization courts and to other federal, state, local or foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies, the Department of Defense including any component thereof, the Selective Service System, the Department of Transportation, Central Intelligence Agency, Interpol and individuals and organizations in the processing of any application for naturalization, or during the course of investigation to elicit further information required by the BCIS to carry out its functions. Information solicited which indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, may be referred, as routine use, to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating, enforcing or prosecuting such violations. Failure to provide all or any of the requested information may result in the denial of the application to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.

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