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Naturalization & Know Your Rights

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Overview

- Naturalization
- Know Your Rights
- Where to Get Help

Education Not Legal Advice

The information contained in this presentation is meant to educate you about your rights and immigration options. It should not be in any way considered legal advice.

***Information is accurate as of Feb 7th, 2020*

Naturalization

What are the eligibility requirements and benefits of becoming a U.S. citizen?

What is Naturalization?



Green Card



Certificate of Naturalization

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Be a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) for at least 5 years, or 3 years if married to a US Citizen
- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Speak, read and write English (exceptions exist)
- ✓ Pass a U.S. History and Government exam
- ✓ Maintain continuous U.S. residency

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Live in the state where you are applying for at least 3 months
- ✓ Have been physically present in the United States for at least 30 months, out of the last 5 years
- ✓ Demonstrate good moral character
- ✓ Willing to take the Oath of Allegiance

Advantages of Naturalization

Vote	No limitation for SSI benefits
Obtain U.S. passport	U.S. government assistance abroad
Bring family members	Live abroad
U.S. citizenship to children	Job opportunities expand
Security against deportation	U.S. citizenship does not expire
Some family can come faster	Not required to report a change of address
Entitled to public benefits	Eligible for federal grants and scholarships

Know Your Rights

We all have certain rights in the U.S. regardless of immigration status. What are these rights?

Rights: Silence

- You have the right to remain silent. You can refuse to speak to an ICE agent.
- Make sure you and others know what to do if approached by ICE officers. Talk with your family members (even children), housemates, neighbors and co-workers.
 - [Family Preparedness Plan](#)
 - [Plan de Preparación Familiar](#)

Rights: Home Searches & Warrants

- You have the right to see a warrant before letting anyone into your home.
- You can report a raid, abuses or mistreatment to United We Dream's hotline 1-844-363-1423 or text 877877

Rights: Attorney

- You have the right to speak to a lawyer and the right to make a phone call.
- You have the right to refuse to show any documents before speaking with a lawyer.
- You have the right to refuse to sign anything before you talk to a lawyer.

Practical Steps

- Don't be a victim of fraud: ask for credentials of your legal service provider or attorney, make sure you get a written contract, and get receipts for any payments you make.
- Avoid negative contact with the police
- Have an immigration lawyers number in your phone
 - Non-profit immigration legal directory:
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?detentionFacility=&x=8&y=8>

Practical Steps

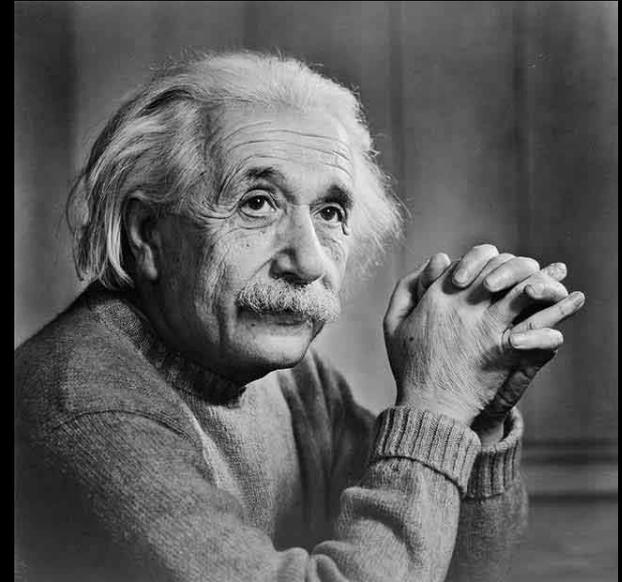
- Remember your rights! [Print a red card online](#)
- Report immigration raids to a hotline
 - ✓ Santa Clara County (408) 290-1144
 - ✓ Alameda County (510) 241-4011
 - ✓ Contra Costa County (925) 900-5151
 - ✓ San Francisco County (415) 200-1548
 - ✓ Sacramento Area (916) 245-6773
 - ✓ Central Valley (559) 206-0151



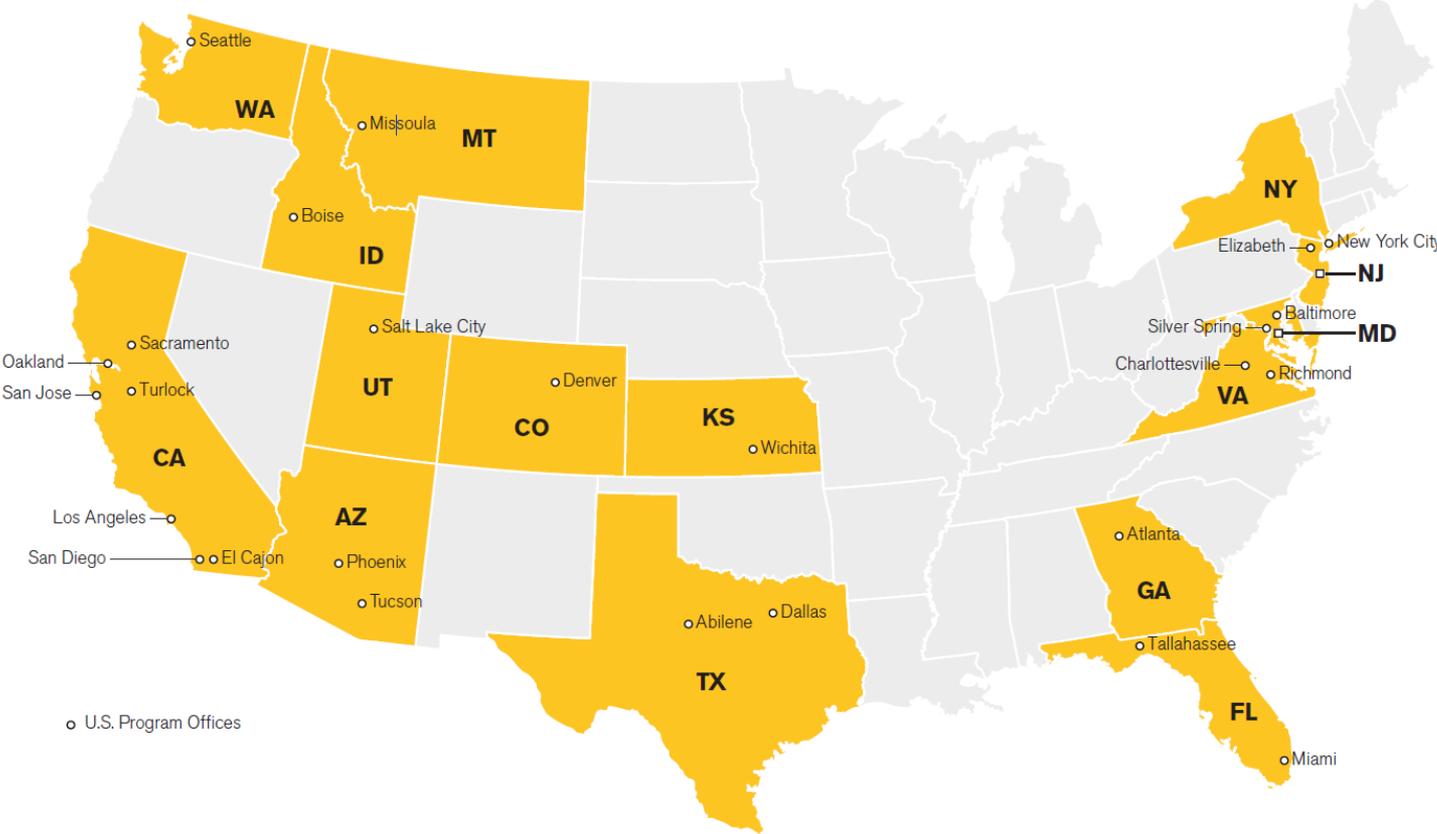
How can IRC help me?

The International Rescue Committee, a non-profit organization, was founded at the request of Albert Einstein in 1933. The organization is now at work in over 40 countries and 23 U.S. cities.

Our staff are accredited by the Department of Justice to provide low-cost, high-quality immigration and naturalization legal services.



Where does IRC work?



How can IRC help me?

We can assist with:

- ✓ Applications for Naturalization / Citizenship (N-400)
- ✓ Adjustments of Status / green card applications (I-485)
- ✓ Family Petitions (I-130)
- ✓ Affidavits of Support (I-864)
- ✓ Employment Authorization (I-765)
- ✓ Immigrant Visa Applications (DS-260)
- ✓ Asylee and Refugee Relative Petitions (I-730)
- ✓ Fiancé Petitions (I-129)
- ✓ Non-immigrant Visa Applications (DS-160)
- ✓ Replacement of Lawful Permanent Residency cards (I-90)
- ✓ DACA Renewals (I-821D)
- ✓ Removal of Conditional Residence (I-751)
- ✓ Travel Documents and Re-entry Permits (I-131)



How do I start a case?

Come to Open Hours at your nearest IRC office to start a case.

Oakland: Mondays, 1-4pm. \$30 Fee. [Book online.](#)

440 Grand Ave, Suite #500, Oakland, CA 94610

Sacramento: Wednesdays, 10am-4:30pm. \$25 Fee. Walk-in only.

2020 Hurley Way, Suite #420, Sacramento, CA 95825

San Jose: Tuesdays, 10am-12pm & 1:30-4:30pm. \$30 Fee. Walk-in only.

1210 S. Bascom Ave., Suite #227, San Jose, CA 95128

Turlock: Wednesdays, 9am-12pm. \$25 Consultation Fee. Walk-in only

3446 N Golden State Blvd, Suite A, Turlock, CA 95382

Free Citizenship Workshops

San Jose: 3rd Monday of the month, 5–7:30pm | Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd, **Santa Clara** 95051

Sacramento: 1st Thursday of the month, check locations online:
immigration.as.me/sacramento

Concord: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9am–2pm | Monument Crisis Center, 1990 Market Street, **Concord** 94520

Turlock: 4th Tuesday of the month, 4–7pm | Assyrian American Civic Club, 2618 N Golden State Blvd, **Turlock** 95382

Register online: <https://immigration.as.me>

IRC Contact Information

Call / Text: (408) 472-3675

Drop-in: [See hours by site](#)

Online Booking: immigration.as.me

Website: Rescue.org/norcalimmigration