

(g) *Effect of final decision of denial upon applicant's status.* (1) A final decision to reopen a naturalization proceeding and to revoke naturalization shall be effective as of the date of the original order purporting to admit the applicant to citizenship. The order purporting to admit the applicant to citizenship shall then have no legal effect.

(2) A district director's decision to reopen naturalization proceedings and to revoke naturalization will be final, unless the applicant seeks administrative or judicial review within the period specified by law or regulation.

(3) When a decision to reopen naturalization proceedings and to revoke naturalization becomes final, the district director shall order the applicant to surrender his or her certificate of naturalization. The district director shall then cancel the certificate of naturalization, and shall also notify the Department of State of the revocation of naturalization.

(4) Notwithstanding the service of a notice of intent to reopen naturalization proceedings and to revoke naturalization, the applicant shall be considered to be a citizen of the United States until a decision to reopen proceedings and deny naturalization becomes final.

(h) *Applicant's request for reopening or modification of application.* After having been granted naturalization and administered the oath of allegiance and renunciation, an applicant may move that the Service reopen his or her naturalization application for the purpose of amending the application in accordance with § 334.5 of this chapter.

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#### § 340.2 Revocation proceedings pursuant to section 340(a) of the Act.

(a) *Recommendations for institution of revocation proceedings.* Whenever it appears that any grant of naturalization may have been illegally procured or procured by concealment of a material fact or by willful misrepresentation, the facts shall be reported to the district director having jurisdiction over the naturalized person's last known place of residence in the United States. If the district director is satisfied that a prima facie case exists for revocation

pursuant to section 340(a) of the Act, he or she shall report the facts in writing to the Regional Director, with a recommendation regarding the institution of revocation proceedings.

(b) *Recommendation for criminal prosecution.* If it appears to the district director that a case described in paragraph (a) of this section or one in which a final decision has been reached under § 340.1(g) is amenable to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1425 for unlawful procurement of citizenship or naturalization, the district director may present such facts to the appropriate United States Attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

(c) *Reports.* It shall be the responsibility of the district director to advise the Service office that originated the information upon which the revocation inquiry is based about the progress of the investigation, and report the findings of the inquiry as soon as practicable.

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### PART 341—CERTIFICATES OF CITIZENSHIP

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#### § 341.1 Application.

*Form N-600.* An application for a certificate of citizenship by or in behalf of a person who claims to have acquired United States citizenship under section 309(c) or to have acquired or derived United States citizenship as specified in section 341 of the Act shall be submitted on Form N-600 in accordance with the instructions thereon, accompanied by the fee specified in § 103.7(b)(1) of this chapter. The application shall be supported by documentary and other evidence essential to establish the claimed citizenship, such as

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birth, adoption, marriage, death, and divorce certificates.

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§ 341.2 Examination upon application.

(a) *Personal appearance of applicant and parent or guardian*—(1) *When testimony may be omitted.* An application received at a Service office having jurisdiction over the applicant's residence may be processed without interview if the Service officer adjudicating the case has in the Service administrative file(s) all the required documentation necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility for U.S. citizenship, or if the application is accompanied by one of the following:

(i) A Department of State Form FS-240 (Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States);

(ii) An unexpired United States passport issued initially for a full five/ten-year period to the applicant as a citizen of the United States, or

(iii) The applicant's parent(s)' naturalization certificate(s).

(2) *Testimony required.* Each applicant, when notified to do so, shall appear in person before an officer for examination under oath or affirmation upon the application. A person under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian apply, appear, and testify for the applicant, unless one is unavailable and the district director is satisfied that the applicant is old enough to provide reliable testimony. The same rule will apply for incompetent applicants. At the examination the applicant and the acting parent or guardian, if necessary, shall present testimony and evidence pertinent to the claim to citizenship and shall have the right to review and rebut any adverse evidence on file, and to cross-examine witnesses called by the Government.

(b) *Witness*—(1) *Personal appearance.* A witness shall be called to testify under oath or affirmation at the district director's option only if that person's testimony is needed to prove a particular point, and only if alternative proof is unavailable or more difficult to produce than is the witness.

(2) *Substitution and waiver.* When testimony is deemed necessary by the district director and the presentation of the person or persons through whom citizenship is claimed is precluded by reason of death, refusal to testify, unknown whereabouts, advanced age, mental or physical incapacity, or severe illness or infirmity, another witness or witnesses shall be produced. A substitute witness also may be produced in lieu of such person if such person is a member of the United States Armed Forces serving outside the United States in an area where his testimony could not be taken without imposing extreme hardship upon him, or without unduly delaying action on the application, and no issue is present which can be resolved only by this testimony.

(c) *Proof.* The burden of proof shall be upon the claimant, or his parent or guardian if one is acting in his behalf, to establish the claimed citizenship by a preponderance of the evidence.

(d) *Assignment and authority of officer.* A district director shall assign an officer of the Service to conduct the examination provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. The assigned officer shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations; to present and receive evidence; to rule upon offers of proof; to take or cause to be taken depositions or interrogatories; to regulate the course of the examination; to examine and cross-examine all witnesses appearing in the proceedings; to grant or order continuances; to consider and rule upon objections to the introduction of evidence; to make a report and recommendation to the district director as to whether the application shall be granted or denied, and to take such other action as may be appropriate to the conduct of the examination and the disposition of the application.

(e) *Conduct of examination.* The assigned officer shall, at the commencement of the examination of the claimant or the acting parent or guardian, advise them of their rights as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (f) of this section, and shall interrogate them under oath or affirmation with regard to each assertion made in the application and any other matter pertinent to the

claim to citizenship; in addition, when a witness is deemed necessary, he shall interrogate each witness with regard to pertinent matters within the personal knowledge of the witness, such as the relationship between the claimant and the citizen source or sources; the citizenship of the latter, and any possible expatriatory acts performed by the claimant and the citizen source or sources. He may, in his discretion, have a transcript made of the testimony. At the conclusion of the examination of the claimant or the action parent or guardian, all corrections made on the applications form shall be consecutively numbered and recorded in the space provided therefor in the form. The affidavit shall then be signed and sworn to or affirmed by the claimant or the acting parent or guardian; and the remainder of the affidavit completed and signed by the assigned officer.

(f) *Representation during proceedings.* The claimant shall have the right to representation during the proceedings, as provided in part 292 of this chapter, and such representative shall have the right to examine and cross-examine witnesses appearing in the proceedings; to introduce evidence; to object to the introduction of evidence, which objections shall be stated succinctly and entered on the record, and to submit briefs. If the claimant is not represented by an attorney or representative, the assigned officer shall assist him in the introduction of all evidence available in his behalf.

(g) *Assignment of additional officer.* The district director may, in his discretion, assign an officer of the Service to examine and cross-examine the applicant and any witnesses produced by the applicant or by the Government and present evidence pertinent to the applicant's claim to citizenship. The officer of the Service assigned to conduct the examination under this part may take such part in the proceedings as he may deem necessary.

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### § 341.3 Depositions.

If satisfied that a witness whose testimony is essential is not available for examination in the United States, the assigned officer may authorize the taking of a deposition abroad by written interrogatories before an officer of the Service or a United States consular official.

### § 341.4 Surrender of immigration documents.

Each claimant shall surrender any immigration identification and permanent resident cards in his or her possession.

[30 FR 5472, Apr. 16, 1965, as amended at 63 FR 70316, Dec. 21, 1998]

### § 341.5 Report and recommendation.

The officer assigned to act on the application shall report his/her findings and recommendation by completing the Report and Recommendation section of the Form N-600 application, or by formal order, as appropriate. The record, including the report and recommendation, shall be submitted to the district director, who shall sign the report either approving or disapproving the recommendation.

[50 FR 39649, Sept. 30, 1985; 50 FR 41480, Oct. 11, 1985]

### § 341.6 Denial of application.

If it is the decision of the district director to deny the application for a Certificate of Citizenship, the applicant shall be furnished the reasons for denial and advised of the right to appeal in accordance with the provisions of 8 CFR 103.3(a). After an application for a Certificate of Citizenship has been denied and the appeal time has run, a second application submitted by the same individual shall be rejected and the applicant instructed to submit a motion for reopening or reconsideration in accordance with 8 CFR 103.5. The motion shall be accompanied by the rejected application and the fee specified in 8 CFR 103.7 reduced by the amount of the fee paid with the rejected application. A decision shall be issued with notification of appeal rights in all Certificate of Citizenship cases, including any case denied due to

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the applicant's failure to prosecute the application.

[50 FR 39649, Sept. 30, 1985]

**§ 341.7 Issuance of certificate.**

(a) If the application is granted, a Certificate of Citizenship shall be issued and, unless the claimant is unable by reason of mental incapacity or young age to understand the meaning thereof, he or she shall take and subscribe to the oath of renunciation and allegiance, prescribed by part 337 of this chapter, before a member of the Service within the United States. Thereafter, delivery of the certificate shall be made in the United States to the claimant or the acting parent or guardian, either personally or by certified mail.

(b) [Reserved]

[55 FR 31037, July 31, 1990, as amended at 66 FR 32147, June 13, 2001]

**PART 342—ADMINISTRATIVE CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTS, OR RECORDS**

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SOURCE: 28 FR 209, Jan. 9, 1963, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 342.1 Notice.**

If it shall appear to a district director that a person has illegally or fraudulently obtained or caused to be created a certificate, document, or record described in section 342 of the Act, a notice shall be served upon the person of intention to cancel the certificate, document, or record. The notice shall contain allegations of the reasons for the proposed action and shall advise the person that he may submit, within 60 days of service of the notice, an answer in writing under oath or affirma-

tion showing cause why the certificate, document, or record should not be canceled, that he may appear in person before a naturalization examiner in support of, or in lieu of his written answer, and that he may have present at that time, without expense to the Government, an attorney or representative qualified under part 292 of this chapter. In such proceedings the person shall be known as the respondent.

[29 FR 5511, Apr. 24, 1964, as amended at 37 FR 2767, Feb. 5, 1972]

**§ 342.2 Service of notice.**

(a) *Service.* The notice required by § 342.1 shall be served personally by an employee of the Government by delivery to the respondent, or by delivery to a person of suitable age and discretion at the respondent's dwelling house or usual place of abode, or by mailing to the respondent's last known address by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) *Proof of Service.* The post office return receipt, or the certificate of the employee serving the notice by personal delivery, setting forth the date and manner of service, shall constitute proof of service. In the case of a mentally incompetent respondent or a child under 14 years of age, service shall be made upon his guardian, near relative or friend, and the person so served shall be permitted to appear on behalf of the respondent.

[29 FR 5511, Apr. 24, 1964]

**§ 342.3 Allegations admitted; no answer filed; no personal appearance requested.**

If the answer admits all material allegations in the notice, or if no answer is filed within the 60-day period or any extension thereof and no personal appearance is requested within such period or periods, it shall be deemed to authorize the district director, without further notice to respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the notice and to cancel the certificate, document, or record. No appeal shall lie from such decision. Written notice of the decision shall be served upon the respondent with demand for surrender of the certificate, document, or record forthwith.