

N-648 (Exception to Policy for the English Language &/or Civics Test Requirements for Naturalization)

Before Making an Appointment:

Step 1: Provide a statement that you have read and understood the introductory material presented here ([link to introductory material](#)) and viewed the YouTube video presented here ([link to video](#)). This is to ensure that you are fully informed of what to expect before you make an appointment. You may email your statement to SWGordonMD@Gmail.com.

Step 2: Provide a reason as to why your personal physician is not completing the N-648 for you. You may email us your statement to SWGordonMD@Gmail.com.

Step 3: Gather all medical and psychiatric records, tests, and any other evidence that support your claim of a physical and/or mental disability that could qualify you for an exception to policy for the English language &/or civics test requirements for naturalization.

Step 4 (if applicable): If you do not speak English, find a translator fluent in English and your native language. This may be a professional, family member, or friend. The translator must be willing to accompany you to all appointments and to continue to be involved with your case until it is resolved.

Step 5 (if applicable): If you are unable to advocate for yourself, find a personal advocate that is intimately familiar with your medical and psychiatric history. This may be a professional, family member, close friend, or your translator. The advocate must be willing to accompany you to all appointments and to continue to be involved with your case until it is resolved.

Step 6: Complete and email us your Permission form. This will be emailed to you once you have completed the above steps.

Step 7: Call us at 913-787-5805 to set up your initial consultation. Have your credit card ready to cover the \$500 fee. The appointment is non-cancelable, and the fee is non-refundable, so be certain that you are committed. Medical insurance is not accepted.

The Initial Consultation

Purpose: The purpose of the initial consultation is to determine if you may qualify for an exception to policy for the English language and/or civics test requirements for naturalization.

Time: Expect to spend up to one hour with Dr. Gordon to share your medical &/or psychiatric history.

Cost: You will have already paid by credit card in advance your non-refundable \$500 fee for your non-cancellable appointment.

What to Bring:

- Your green card
- Your passport
- Your translator (if applicable)
- Your personal advocate (if applicable)
- **Do not bring your medical/psychiatric records to this appointment.**
- **Do not bring proof of medical insurance. Medical insurance is not accepted.**

What to Expect from Your Initial Consultation:

Dr. Gordon will consider your medical &/or psychiatric history and advise you as follows.

If you have no reasonable chance of qualifying for an exception to policy, within two weeks, Dr. Gordon will send you an email explaining why and that discusses reasonable alternatives to naturalization and what you can do to prepare for eventually taking the English language and civics tests.

If you have a reasonable chance of qualifying for an exception to policy, within two weeks, Dr. Gordon will send you an email outlining the additional steps you must take for him to be the best advocate for you on form N-648.

If you have only a possible chance of qualifying for an exception to policy, within two weeks, Dr. Gordon will email you a list of actions that you must accomplish before you can move forward with your request for an exception.

If You Decide to Move Forward After Your Initial Consultation

If Dr. Gordon is of the opinion that you have no reasonable chance of qualifying for an exception to policy, you may feel free to seek another opinion from another physician.

If Dr. Gordon is of the opinion that there is a chance of qualifying for an exception to policy, be prepared for the following.

- To provide all relevant medical/psychiatric records that support your claim.
- To consult certain specialists &/or undergo certain tests.
- To attend follow-up appointments with Dr. Gordon, although this is not common. Your translator &/or personal advocate (if applicable) must attend with you.
- To cover all necessary additional costs (see below “Additional Costs”).
- You should be prepared for the possibility that, after additional investigation, Dr. Gordon changes his initial opinion about your chances for qualifying for an exception.
- You should become intimately familiar (preferably with professional legal advice from an immigration attorney) as to how to submit form N-648 once it is issued to you.
- You should be prepared to be patient. It will be at least one month, perhaps several months, before your N-648 will be ready.
- You should be prepared for USCIS to reject your claim. USCIS, not Dr. Gordon, makes the final decision as to whether an exception to policy will be granted. Dr. Gordon does not and cannot warranty his work or guarantee that an exception to policy will be granted.

Additional Costs (applicable only if you decide to move forward after your initial consultation)

- **Form N-648 Completion Fee:** \$1,000
- **Medical Record Reading Fee:** \$1 per page
- **Query Fee:** \$50 per response to any questions or status requests sent to Dr. Gordon's office via phone, text, mail, or email. If your query contains multiple questions, there will be multiple \$50 fees. You will be given periodic updates as to the status of your case.
- **Specialist Consultation Fees:** You are expected to cover the cost of any specialist consultations and tests. Without insurance, the cost may be considerable.
- **Follow-up Appointment Fee:** \$200 per appointment. Follow-up appointments are not common.
- **Mailing Fee:** It is strongly recommended that you make an appointment to pick up your N-648 in person, which will be provided to you in a sealed envelope. If you choose to have it mailed to you, the fee is \$50.
- **Duplicate Original Fee:** If your original N-648 is lost or damaged, the replacement fee is \$300.
- **Copy Fee:** You will be provided with one courtesy photocopy of your N-648 for personal (unofficial) use. The fee for an additional photocopy is \$100. Don't lose your copy! You may, of course, make as many copies of your copy as desired for personal use or for your physician or lawyer.