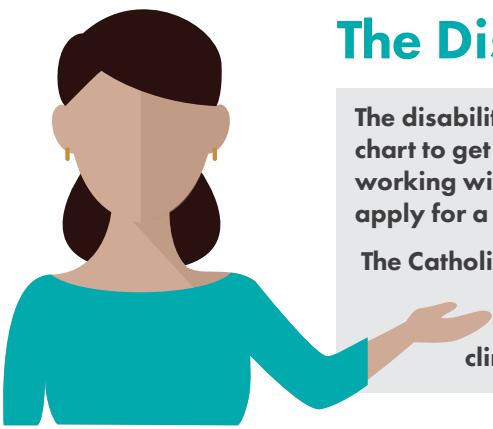


The Disability Waiver Process

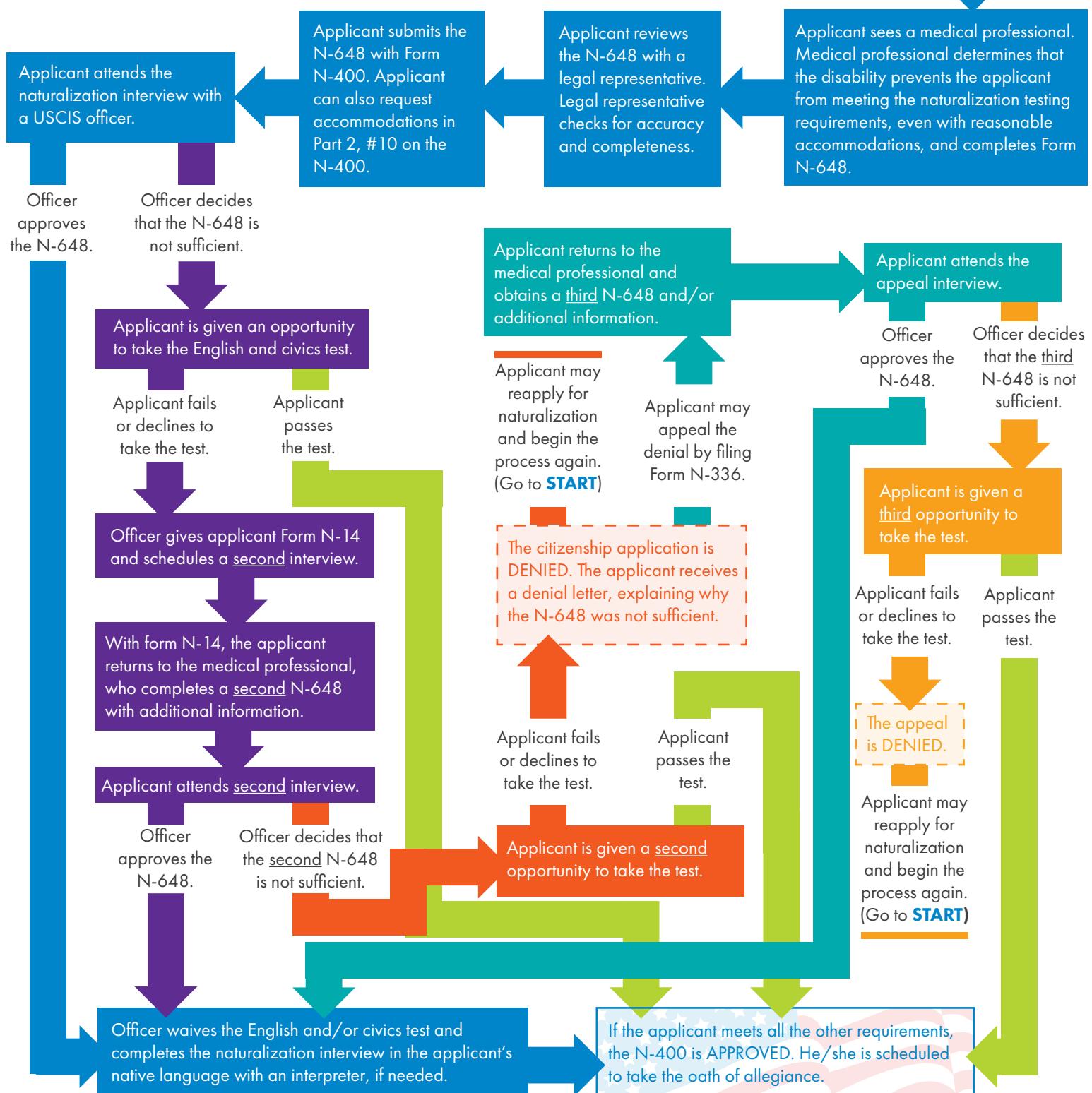


The disability waiver process can be complicated. Use this chart to get a general idea of how to proceed when working with a naturalization applicant who needs to apply for a waiver.

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network is proud to support those seeking citizenship. Get more resources in our Citizenship Toolkit at cliniclegal.org/citizenship.

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A naturalization applicant has a serious physical or developmental disability or mental impairment that makes him/her unable to learn English and/or civics for the citizenship test.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who qualifies as a medical professional?

The Form N-648 must be completed by a licensed medical doctor (M.D.), clinical psychologist (Ph.D.), or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.). The form should be completed by the doctor who regularly treats the applicant for the disability or impairment, or who has experience diagnosing his/her type of disability.

Who qualifies as a legal representative?

The two common categories of individuals who are authorized to provide legal advice and legal services on immigration matters are: (1) attorneys and (2) accredited representatives of a non-profit religious, charitable, or social service organization established in the United States and recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

An unauthorized representative – whether seeking to cheat the applicant or to help out of kindness – could jeopardize the applicant's future immigration status. Applicants should seek only qualified help and ask to see credentials. Visit cliniclegal.org/affiliates/directory to find a qualified representative in your area.

What is on the citizenship test?

Unless eligible for an exemption or waiver, citizenship applicants must demonstrate: 1) an ability to read, write, and speak basic English; and 2) a knowledge of U.S. history and civics. For the English speaking test, the applicant must be able to answer questions about his/her citizenship application (N-400) and follow instructions during the interview. The applicant will be given sentences to read and write in English and up to 10 questions about U.S. history and civics. To learn more about the citizenship test and to download a free study guide prepared by CLINIC, visit cliniclegal.org/citizenshiptest.

How do I get more resources?

For more resources about citizenship, visit cliniclegal.org/citizenship for our Citizenship Toolkit.

Glossary of Forms

N-648: Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions

N-400: Application for Naturalization

N-14: Request for Additional Information, Documents or Forms

N-336: Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings

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