

**TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS TABLE**

Residence or physical presence in the United States noted below must take place *prior* to the applicant's birth. Periods of physical presence need not be continuous (unless otherwise stated). Periods of *honorable* U.S. military service, employment with U.S. Government or certain intergovernmental international organizations, or as dependent unmarried son or daughter and member of the household of a parent in such service or employment can also be counted as physical presence in the U.S. (except where marked \*). **These tables are intended for use only as a generalized reference guide, and not to make determinations or to be cited in any case. Final adjudication authority rests with the consular officer.**

APPLICANT'S BIRTHDAY	TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. CITIZEN PARENT(S)	RETENTION REQUIREMENTS **
<b>* Both parents U.S. citizens, married or not</b>		
Before 5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	One parent resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time)	None
On or after 1/13/41	One parent resided in the U.S. or its possession (no specified length of time)	None
<b>Married, but only one is U.S. citizen</b>		
Before 5/24/34	Citizen parent resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time)	None
5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	Citizen parent resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time)	5 years residence between ages 13 and 21 if begun before 12/24/52; <b><u>or</u></b> any of the below :
On 1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	Citizen parent had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 16	None if U.S. citizen parent was employed in certain occupation; <b><u>or</u></b> any of the below:
	Citizen parent had honorable services in the U.S. military forces between 12/7/41 and 12/31/46 and had physical presence in U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14 and 28; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14 and 28 if begun before 10/27/72; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• None if the non-citizen parent naturalized as U.S. citizen and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• None if child born on or after 10/10/52</li> </ul>
	Citizen parent had honorable services in the U.S. military forces between 1/1/47 and 12/24/52 and has physical presence in U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14	
On 12/24/52 and prior to 11/14/86	Citizen parent had physical presence in U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14	None
On or after 11/14/86	Citizen parent had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for five years, two years after age 14	None
<b>* Unmarried, U.S. citizen mother and non-citizen father</b>		
Before 5/24/34	Mother resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time) <b>and</b> child was not legitimated by father before 1/13/41	None
On 5/24/34 and prior to 12/24/52	Mother resided in the U.S. or its possession (no specified length of time)	None
On or after 12/24/52	Mother had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for one <b><u>continuous</u></b> year.	None

\*\* *Persons failing to fulfill the retention requirements may have their citizenship restored upon taking an Oath of Allegiance.*

APPLICANT'S BIRTHDAY	TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. CITIZEN PARENT(S)	RETENTION REQUIREMENTS
<b>Unmarried, U.S. citizen father and non-citizen mother</b>		
Before 5/24/34	Father resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time); child was legitimated under laws of father's U.S. or foreign domicile.	None
5/24/34 and prior to 1/13/41	Father resided in the U.S. (no specified length of time); child was legitimated under laws of father's U.S. or foreign domicile.	5 years residence between ages 13 and 21 if begun before 12/24/52; <b><u>or</u></b> any of the below:
On 1/13/41 and prior to 12/24/52	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 16; <b><u>AND</u></b> paternity established during minority by legitimation or court adjudication before 12/24/52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None if U.S. citizen parent was employed in certain occupations;</li> <li>• 2 years continuous physical presence between ages 14 and 28; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• 5 years continuous physical presence between ages 14 and 28 if begun before 10/27/72; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• None if the non-citizen parent naturalized as U.S. citizen and child began to reside permanently in U.S. while under age 18; <b><u>or</u></b></li> <li>• None if child born on or after 10/10/52</li> </ul>
	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14, including honorable services in the U.S. military forces; <b><u>AND</u></b> paternity established before child turns age 21 by the legitimation laws of father's or child's residence/domicile	
	Citizen parent had honorable services in the U.S. military forces between 12/7/41 and 12/31/46 and had physical presence in U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 12	
On 12/24/52 to 11/14/68	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14; <b><u>AND</u></b> paternity established before child turns age 21 by the legitimation laws of father's or child's residence/domicile.	None
After 11/14/68 to 11/14/71	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14; <b><u>AND</u></b> (a) Blood relationship established between father and child, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until age 18, and while child is under age 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child is legitimated; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• father acknowledges paternity; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• paternity established by court adjudication; <b><u>OR</u></b></li> </ul> (b) Paternity is established before child turns age 21 by the legitimation laws of father's or child's residence/domicile	None
After 11/14/71 and prior to 11/14/86	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for ten years, five years after age 14; <b><u>AND</u></b> blood relationship established between father and child, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until age 18, and while child is under age 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child is legitimated; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• father acknowledges paternity; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• paternity established by court adjudication.</li> </ul>	None
On or after 11/14/86	Father had physical presence in the U.S. or its possession for five years, two years after age 14; <b><u>AND</u></b> blood relationship established between father and child, father (unless deceased) agrees in writing to support child until age 18, and while child is under age 18: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child is legitimated; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• father acknowledges paternity; <b><i>or</i></b></li> <li>• paternity established by court adjudication.</li> </ul>	None