

DETERMINING WHETHER CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S. ACQUIRED CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH

A child cannot acquire citizenship at birth through an adoption

Born on/after
1/14/41 and prior
to 12/24/52

Lane 1	Both parents citizens; or one citizen and one national
Lane 2	One citizen and one alien parent

Lane 1
One had resided in the U.S. or its outlying possessions.

Citizen had resided in U.S. or its outlying possessions 10 years, at least 5 of which were after age 16. If citizen parent served honorably in U.S. Armed Forces between 12/7/41 and 12/31/46, 5 of the required 10 years may have been after age 12.10 If the citizen parent served honorably in U.S. Armed Services between 1/1/47 and 12/24/52, the requirement consists of 10 years of physical presence, 5 of which may have been after age 14.

BORN AFTER 5/24/1934
BUT BEFORE 11/14/1986

Pool	
Lane 1	Both parents are U.S. citizens
Lane 2	One parent is citizen one parent is not
Lane 3	one citizen parent one alien

One had resided in the U.S. or its outlying possessions.

Citizen had been physically present in U.S or its outlying possessions for a continuous period of one year.

Citizen had been physically present in U.S. or its outlying possessions 10 years, at least 5 of which were after age 14

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