

# PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP

*The Coast Guard welcomes Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) to join our multi-maritime service.*

## Joining the Coast Guard may be your Pathway to U.S. Citizenship!

If you are a lawful permanent resident who wants a meaningful career and to become a naturalized citizen, the Pathway to Citizen program is a great opportunity to achieve your dream.

When you join the U.S. Coast Guard, members holding an unexpired Green Card may seek naturalization under U.S. law and are entitled to an expedited citizenship application process, significantly reducing processing time. With qualifying service of at least one year and honorable separation, veterans are eligible for certain immigration benefits including expedited U.S. citizenship processing. Since 9/11, members have been able to apply after just a single day of service.

Additionally, all naturalization application fees are waived when you join the U.S. Coast Guard.



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## Echo Company:

**A Coast Guard program for non-English speakers**

The Coast Guard has programs to help non-English speakers join and succeed in the Coast Guard. Minimum ASVAB test requirements may be waived for non-English speakers who pass the English Comprehension Level Exam.

The U.S. Coast Guard has partnered with the U.S. Air Force's Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) at Joint Base San Antonio-Lockland, Texas. Qualified recruits of any native language swear in, receive uniforms, and report to this self-paced program for up to 24 weeks to strengthen English skills. When they graduate, they re-test on the ASVAB and begin basic training.

## It's the foot in the door you've been waiting for . . .

The U.S. Coast Guard offers training in a variety of career fields, great pay and benefits, and the potential to become a naturalized citizen. Don't wait, information is just a click or call away!

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