

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND NATIONALITY  
IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS

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Section 105. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)  
of this section, the following persons, and their children under  
the age of eighteen years on the date of termination of the Trust-  
teenship, who are not citizens or nationals of the United States  
under any other provisions of law, and who have taken no affirma-  
tive steps to preserve or acquire foreign nationality, are declared  
to be citizens of the United States;

(1) All persons born in the Northern  
Marianas who are citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific  
Islands on the effective date of this section, and who on that  
date reside or are domiciled in the Marianas or in the United States,  
the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any  
other possession or territory of the United States;

(2) All persons who are citizens of the  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on the effective date of  
this section, who have been domiciled continuously in the Marianas  
for at least five years immediately prior to that date, and if  
<sup>who</sup>  
eligible to do so have registered to vote in a municipality in the  
Marianas prior to January 1, 1975; and

(3) All persons who are not citizens of the  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands who were lawfully residing  
in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on January 1, 1974,  
and who, immediately prior to the effective date of this section,  
have been domiciled continuously for at least five years in the  
Marianas and who, on that day owe no allegiance to any foreign state.

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(b) Any person who becomes a citizen of the United States solely by virtue of the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a) may within six months after the effective date of this section or within six months after reaching the age of eighteen years, whichever date is the later one, make a declaration under oath before a court in the district wherein he resides in the form as follows:

"I . . . being duly sworn, hereby declare my intention to become a national but not a citizen of the United States."

Any person who makes this declaration shall be a national but not a citizen of the United States.

(c) All persons born in the Marianas on or after the effective date of this section, and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be citizens of the United States.

(d) (Not yet agreed upon.)

(e) The courts of general jurisdiction established under the Constitution of the Marianas shall have jurisdiction to naturalize persons as citizens of the United States in accordance with applicable law.

(f) For the purposes of subsection (a) hereof, domicile means that place where a person maintains a residence with the intention of continuing such residence for an unlimited or indefinite period, and to which he has the intention of returning whenever he is absent, even for an extended period.