

MCRC FROST CALL 041-02 DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 2002

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICER AND ENLISTED
MARINE CORPS APPLICANTS WHO REQUIRE CLEARANCES

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 432/02 of August 2002
(b) SECNAVINST 5510.30A Chap 10 & Appendix G
(c) MCO P1100.72B (Short Title: MPPM ENLPROC)
(d) MCO P1100.73 (Short Title: MPPM OFFPROC)
(e) MCO 1130.53N Enlistment Incentives Program

1. Purpose. To notify all levels within the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, the steps required, for verifying the citizenship of all Marine Corps applicants. Members of the Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP) whose regular Program Enlisted For (PEF) requires a clearance/SMCR Awaiting Initial Active Duty Training whose MOS require a clearance, all officer candidates awaiting training (PLC/OCC), NROTC applicants and other officer commissioning producing programs.

2. Background. Reference (a) specifically addresses the process and procedures to verify U.S. Citizenship. Reference (b) states that only U. S. Citizens can be granted clearances. References (c) and (d) contain enlistment/officer citizenship requirements respectively. Reference (e) addresses the program security clearance levels for enlistment programs.

3. Information.

a. It is imperative, prior to requesting initiation of a security clearance investigation for any Marine Corps enlisted or officer applicant/member, that the Security Officer (MEPS LNCO/OSO) takes actions to verify their citizenship. Security Managers are responsible to review and validate all Personal Security Investigations prior to submission to Defense Security Services (DSS). If Security Officers are unable to verify citizenship they must request the applicant/member to provide proof of citizenship. Additionally, there cannot be an assumption that the country of birth is the applicants' country of citizenship. Many individuals claim "dual citizenship". Members who claim dual citizenship may not meet security clearance

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requirements, due to possible foreign preference issues. Individuals claiming "dual citizenship", must annotate their dual citizenship status in Module 3 Citizenship, of the SF-86/EP SQ or may elect to renounce their dual citizenship in accordance with reference (b). Possession and use of a foreign passport in preference to a U.S. Passport raises doubt as to whether an individual's allegiance is to the United States. Possession and use of a foreign passport also facilitates foreign travel that is unverifiable by U. S. Officials.

b. In addition to above, all NROTC applicants and other Officer Commissioning producing programs must be screened and ensured of their U.S. Citizenship status.

4. Action.

a. Effective immediately the following steps must be taken for any member of the DEP whose Program or reserve MOS requires a clearance and all PLC/OCC candidates:

(1) Verify citizenship in accordance with references (c), for enlisted members and reference (d), for officer candidates.

(2) Those citizens born overseas to U.S. Citizens must have either a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240) or Certification of Report of Birth (DS 1350).

(3) If member claims "dual citizenship" annotate in the SF-86/EP SQ Module 3 Citizenship, by checking the radial button for "YES" when asked if dual citizen, annotate the country of dual citizenship on the next screen, and use **REMARKS** section to amplify. The member should be advised that this may prevent them from obtaining the required security clearance.

(4) If notified by any agency or it is discovered after accession that the member is, or has claimed to be a "dual citizen" provide information to MCRC G-3, who will forward the information to the Department of the Navy Central Adjudication Facility (DONCAF) for appropriate action.

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b. Screen, verify and validate citizenship of all
NROTC applicants, and other officer commissioning producing
programs.

5. Point of contact is M. J. STYKA, MCRC G-3 Operations,
at commercial (703) 784-9403 or DSN 278-9403.



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SUBJ/ACCESS TO NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION BY NON-U.S.

/CITIZENS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO CLAIM DUAL CITIZENSHIP//

REF/A/DOC/SECNAV/YMD:19990310//

AMPN/REF A IS SECNAVINST 5510.30A CHAP 10 AND APPENDIX G//

NARR/PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12968 AND AS SET FORTH BY THE

REFERENCE, ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS ARE

ELIGIBLE FOR A SECURITY CLEARANCE.//

RMKS/1. PER REF A, ONLY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE U.S. CITIZENS

CAN BE GRANTED A SECURITY CLEARANCE. UPON RECOGNITION OF

THOSE INSTANCES WHERE NON-U.S. CITIZENS HAVE BEEN GRANTED

ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES

ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN: SUSPEND THE INDIVIDUAL'S ACCESS TO

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

CENTRAL ADJUDICATION FACILITY (DONCAF) AND THIS OFFICE OF

ACTION TAKEN ON NON-U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND INITIATE APPROPRIATE

LEGAL ACTION (I.E., NCIS NOTIFICATION AND INITIATION OF A

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY).

2. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PRIOR TO GRANTING AN INDIVIDUAL

ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR REQUESTING A

PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION ON AN INDIVIDUAL, SECURITY

MANAGERS ENSURE THE INDIVIDUAL IS A U.S. CITIZEN. ACTIONS

TO BE TAKEN BY SECURITY MANAGERS INCLUDE REVIEWING APPLICABLE

PERSONNEL RECORDS (SERVICE RECORD BOOK (SRB)/OFFICER

QUALIFICATION RECORD (OQR)). IF SECURITY MANAGERS ARE UNABLE

TO VALIDATE U.S. CITIZENSHIP, THEY MUST REQUEST THE INDIVIDUAL

PROVIDE PROOF, SUCH AS A U.S. BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR U.S.

PASSPORT. INDIVIDUALS BORN OVERSEAS TO U.S. CITIZENS MAY

PROVIDE THE CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD (FS 240) OR

CERTIFICATION OF REPORT OF BIRTH (DS 1350) IN PLACE OF A U.S.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE. SECURITY MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR

REVIEWING AND VALIDATING ALL PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION

REQUESTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS)

FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR

GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

3. FURTHER, INDIVIDUALS WHO CLAIM DUAL CITIZENSHIP MAY NOT

MEET SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS, DUE TO POSSIBLE FOREIGN

PREFERENCE ISSUES. DUAL CITIZENSHIP MUST BE REPORTED TO

DONCAF FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROPRIATE ACTION. INDIVIDUALS

WHO CLAIM DUAL CITIZENSHIP MAY ELECT TO RENOUNCE THEIR DUAL

CITIZENSHIP IAW REF A (APPENDIX G), EITHER AT THE TIME OF

SUBMISSION OF THE PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION QUESTIONNAIRE

OR BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE TO DONCAF VIA THE COMMAND SECURITY

MANAGER. POSSESSION AND USE OF A FOREIGN PASSPORT IN PREFERENCE

TO A U.S. PASSPORT RAISES DOUBT AS TO WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL'S

ALLEGIANCE IS TO THE UNITED STATES. POSSESSION AND USE OF A

FOREIGN PASSPORT ALSO FACILITATES FOREIGN TRAVEL UNVERIFIABLE

BY U.S. OFFICIALS. GUIDANCE REGARDING INDIVIDUALS POSSESSING

OR USING A FOREIGN PASSPORT AND PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN, CAN BE FOUND ON THE BELOW NAVY SECURITY WEBSITE.

4. ALTHOUGH NON-U.S. CITIZENS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A SECURITY CLEARANCE, ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION MAY BE JUSTIFIED FOR COMPELLING REASONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE USMC MISSION, INCLUDING SPECIAL EXPERTISE (E.G., LINGUISTICS) UNDER THE LIMITED ACCESS AUTHORIZATION (LAA) PROGRAM, PER REF A, PAR 9-16. AN LAA MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN THOSE RARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A NON-U.S. CITIZEN POSSESSES A UNIQUE OR UNUSUAL SKILL OR EXPERTISE THAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND FOR WHICH A CLEARED OR CLEARABLE U.S. CITIZEN IS NOT AVAILABLE.
5. ENSURE HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS (ARS) IS AN INFO ADDRESSEE ON ANY PRELIMINARY INQUIRY AND/OR MESSAGE TRAFFIC RESULTING FROM NON-U.S. CITIZENS/DUAL CITIZENS HAVING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO CNO (NO9N2).
6. CURRENT DON POLICY AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO INFORMATION AND PERSONNEL SECURITY CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW2.HQMC.USMC.MIL/ARS/ARSWEBSI.NSF/ARSMAIN?OPENVIEW](http://www2.hqmc.usmc.mil/ars/arswebsi.nsf/arsmain?openview) OR AT [WWW.NAVYSECURITY.NAVY.MIL](http://www.navysecurity.navy.mil). FOR ADDITIONAL USMC ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION, CONTACT MAJOR E.M. HENSEN AT [HENSENEM@HQMC.USMC.MIL](mailto:hensenem@hqmc.usmc.mil). PHONE CONTACT CAN BE MADE BY CALLING (703) 614-2320 OR DSN 224 2320. //