

Interview Debrief Questions

Before the Interview

What happened when you entered the building? Usually, people go through security as at an airport and proceed to the main room.

What happened at check-in? Usually, each person gives his/her letter to the officer at the desk, who verifies their identity on the computer and may stamp the date on the letter. The officer may keep or return the letter.

In the waiting room, an officer will call out the name of the applicant and lead him/her to the office. Is this how you were summoned? Was there any small talk?

The Interview

We assume the officer first administered the oath to tell the truth. Did the officer also ask you to explain what you promised? Were you standing or sitting? Was there any confusion about standing or sitting?

What documents did the officer request? Passport? Green card? ID? Were you asked for any other documents during the interview?

Did the officer take your photo and fingerprints?

For Reading, the officer typically displays a question on the tablet. For example, “When is Columbus Day?” Do you remember what you were asked to read?

For Writing, the officer typically dictates the answer to the question and asks you to write on the tablet with a finger or a stylus. For example, “Columbus Day is in October.” Do you remember what you were asked to write? Did you write one word per line?

For Civics, the applicant needs to answer six questions correctly. Were you able to answer all of them correctly?

For personal information, we would like a list of everything you can recall being asked. Following is a list of common questions. (We don’t necessarily expect you to have been asked most or all of them, but it would be useful to know how the officer approached this part of the interview.)

- Full legal name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- Date of green card
- Marital status
- Date of marriage
- Name, date of birth, and citizenship status of spouse
- Children: number, sons or daughters, names, where born, ages or dates of birth

- Country of origin and/or nationality
- Work (and if no work how you are supported financially)
- Taxes
- Travel

In Part 12, questions 1-44, what do you recall being asked, was it many or only a few questions, and were you asked any meanings?

For questions 45-50, how many were you asked? Were you asked what any meant?

After the Interview

What did the officer say or do when conveying the results?

Did the officer offer to have the swearing-in ceremony conducted the same day?

We assume you signed off on the personal information and one or two other forms on the tablet.

Finally

Is there anything else noteworthy you would like to mention?

Did you have to ask the officer to repeat questions or speak more slowly?