

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE TO ALIENS OF ENEMY NATIONALITIES
CERTIFICATES OF IDENTIFICATION

All natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of any foreign nation or government with which war has been declared, who are 14 years of age and older, and who are within the United States and who have not fully acquired United States citizenship, are required to apply at specified post offices for a Certificate of Identification.

Such Certificates are to contain the alien's photograph and must thereafter be carried by the person to whom issued.

Those who do not comply with these requirements are subject to severe penalties.

The Certificate of Identification will be a protection to you and will facilitate matters in connection with travel and other permits, passes, and exemptions which may, from time to time, be granted to individual persons in accordance with rules and regulations. The Certificate will serve different purposes than the Alien Registration Receipt Card heretofore issued to you.

In filing the Application for Certificate of Identification, you are merely giving current information concerning yourself and are complying with necessary war-time requirements of the United States Government. You are also giving evidence of your peaceful disposition and of your desire to cooperate and to conform to the laws of the United States.

These are the steps required of you:

(1) Look up your Alien Registration Receipt Card at once. You must have it, to avoid delay, when you apply for a Certificate of Identification. If you do not have it, write immediately to Alien Registration Division, Washington, D. C., stating (a) whether you lost it or never had one, and (b) your nationality and present address and where you registered—whether in the United States or outside the United States at a Consular Office, or as a seaman.

(2) Study the back of this notice. It shows the information you must have in order to file your application. Write out, or have someone write for you, the names, dates, places, or facts you will need.

(3) Obtain three unmounted photographs of yourself, with light background, 2 by 2 inches in size, on thin paper. These photographs must be taken not more than 30 days prior to presenting your application, and must clearly show a front view of the face without hat. Take the photographs with you when you go to the post office to make application for your Certificate of Identification.

(4) During such period as will be publicized in the press and on the radio, go to the first- or second-class or county-seat post office *nearest your place of residence*, taking with you the items mentioned in (1), (2), and (3). Be sure to go to the post office even if you do not have your Alien Registration Receipt Card. You may take a member of your family or a friend with you. If you cannot write, take someone with you who writes plainly. If you cannot get such a person, there will be clerks at the post office to help you with your application. But you must have the required information. You will be given application forms to fill out at the post office.

(5) Your Certificate of Identification must be delivered to you personally at your residence address unless different instructions are given at the post office. Cooperate in every way possible with the post-office carrier to facilitate delivery and acceptance.

These requirements should involve no expense to you except for the photographs. It is not necessary to pay any person or organization to assist you. The Government, through its post offices, will assist you as much as possible. Complete instructions and official regulations may be examined at the post office where you file your application.

Act early to file your Application for a Certificate of Identification. Then be sure to obtain your Certificate of Identification.

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INSTRUCTIONS AS TO APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

Item 1. Name.—Write or print your present legal name.

Item 2. Registered name.—This refers to the name (not aliases) under which you registered in accordance with the Alien Registration Act. If your present legal name is the same, write "Same." If different, give the name under which you registered and explain the reason for the difference, such as marriage, divorce, adoption, court proceedings, etc.

Item 3. Present residence.—(a) Give the location of your present residence, that is, your usual dwelling place. If you live in an apartment house or tenement, give the number. (b) Give your post-office address. If same as 3 (a), write "Same." (c) Give the location of other places at which you resided since January 1, 1941, and indicate after each the length of time, such as (3 months).

Item 4. Employment.—The names of employers you have had since January 1, 1941 must be stated; give in each case the address of the employer, the approximate dates of employment, and the capacity in which you were employed. The last-named employer must, of course, be your present employer, and the last entry under "Dates" must be "to date." If unemployed at present, so state. If you operated your own shop, business, or profession at any time since January 1, 1941, write the word "self," your business address, the period covered, and the business in which you were or are engaged.

Item 5. Birth and citizenship.—(a) Give your birth date in full. (b) Name the country of which you are a citizen or subject. If you have lost all foreign citizenship, write "None—last a citizen of _____," and name the country of which you were last a citizen or subject. If you wish to give any further explanations of your citizenship or subject status, write "See answer 15" and explain under item 15.

Item 6. Relatives in the United States.—Give the names, state the relationship, and give the addresses only of living parents, brothers or sisters, husband or wife, or children in the United States.

Item 7. Answer the question "Yes" or "No" as to whether you have any children actually serving in the military, naval, or other service in the armed forces of the United States, including the auxiliary arms of service. If the answer is "Yes," give their names and branch of service. It is not necessary to give addresses.

Item 8. Relatives outside of the United States.—(a) Give the names, state the relationship, and give the last known addresses only of living parents, brothers or sisters, husband or wife, or children outside the United States. (b) If any of the relatives mentioned in (a) above are, or when last known to applicant were, serving in the armed forces of a foreign nation, state this fact in the space reserved for "Address"—as "Serving in (army, navy, air corps, etc.) of _____," naming the country.

Item 9. United States citizenship.—(a) If you have applied for first citizenship papers or received them or petitioned for naturalization since August 27, 1940, write "Yes"

and state which and when and where. Otherwise, write "No." (b) Answer "Yes" or "No" whether you have ever been refused or denied naturalization in the United States. If "Yes," state the court, place, and reasons or causes given, and whether said reasons or causes have since been removed.

Item 10. Foreign naturalization.—If you have ever taken any steps toward naturalization in a country other than the United States, answer "Yes" and state the time and place and country. Otherwise, answer "No."

Item 11. Oath of allegiance.—If you, at any time, have ever taken an oath of allegiance to any country, state, or nation other than the United States, write "Yes" and state the time, place, and country. Otherwise, write "No."

Item 12. Presidential Proclamations, and Regulations.—A summary of the provisions of Presidential Proclamations, and Regulations concerning the conduct of aliens of enemy nationalities is available at post offices and may be obtained there. You should read such summary or have it read to you, and then state whether you have complied. If you have been granted any kind of exemption, you should so note.

Item 13. Selective service.—If you were registered for selective service, write "Yes," and state where and your number. Otherwise, write "No."

Item 14. Organization affiliations.—You must state the clubs, organizations, or societies of which you have been a member or with which you have been affiliated at any time during the past 5 years, either in the United States or abroad. If any listed membership or affiliation has ceased, state the approximate date. If you spent any part of said 5-year period outside the United States, include a statement of your foreign political party or national organization affiliation during such time.

Item 15. Additional information.—You are not obliged to write in any information under this item, and no penalty or prejudice attaches to your failure to do so. This item merely gives you an opportunity to make any voluntary, additional statement concerning yourself. These are suggested topics: (a) How you acquired your present foreign citizenship status (by birth, naturalization, decree, etc.); (b) brief history of your citizenship, whether you lost it by expatriation or decree; (c) whether you left your country of origin because of racial, religious, or political persecution or restriction, and, if so, when and under what circumstances; (d) names and addresses of not more than two persons, now living in the United States, who knew you in your country of origin or who know you here and will vouch for your loyalty. If you give any such names, however, you must accompany them with a written statement, under oath, substantially as follows: "I have neither given anything of value nor obligated myself in any manner whatsoever to obtain permission to use the above names." This must be so stated and must be the fact. If anyone attempts to influence you in any manner with respect to the use of his name as a reference, it should be reported to the Identification Official.

(The above instructions indicate the information you will need to fill out the Application for Certificate of Identification. See other side for instructions as to where and how, and what you will need, to submit your application)