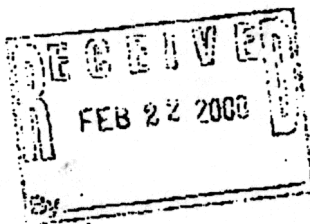


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POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 47-A

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To Policy Memorandum No. 47**



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SUBJECT:

Consideration of Form N-648s Submitted for the First Time at a
Section 336 Hearing: Amendment to Policy Memorandum No. 47

Section G of Policy Memorandum No. 47 on Section 312 Disability Naturalization Adjudications, dated April 7, 1999, states that an applicant may submit additional documentation for review at a section 336 hearing, including a new N-648, but that an applicant may not submit an N-648 for the first time at the hearing. Effective the date of this memorandum, officers conducting section 336 hearings should accept and review any N-648 submitted for review at a section 336 hearing, even if no N-648 was previously submitted.

If an N-648 is submitted for the first time, the officer should review it based on the standard set forth in Policy Memorandum 47 and, if sufficient, grant the appropriate exception from the Section 312 requirements. For the exception to be granted at a section 336 hearing, the N-648 must be sufficient at the time of the hearing. If the N-648 is deemed insufficient, do not issue a Form N-648B, Notice of Incomplete N-648. Instead, the officer should prepare a denial as described in the memorandum. As stated in the memorandum, if the N-648 submitted at the section 336 hearing is insufficient, the applicant is not entitled to another opportunity to submit an amended or second N-648 following the section 336 hearing.

With this modification, N-648s submitted for the first time at a section 336 hearing will be considered along with all other evidence that may have a bearing on the applicant's eligibility for naturalization.

Any questions about this modification should be addressed to Alison Morris of the Immigration Services Division on (202) 616-7759.