

QUESTION: If I have traveled abroad for more than six months, can I still become a U.S. citizen?

ANSWER: You may be abroad for six months and still become a U.S. citizen.

The six-month rule states that if you are abroad for more than six continuous months, the USCIS can make you prove that you did not abandon your U.S. residence. Usually, one trip of greater than six months isn't usually a problem. That's especially true if that trip was several years prior to your applying for citizenship.



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