

Family Petition (I-130) Document Checklist

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Complete list of documents needed to file Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative with USCIS.

Petitioner Documents

- Completed Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative
Use the most current version from uscis.gov
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident status
Birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or valid U.S. passport
- Two passport-style photographs (2x2 inches)
Taken within the last 30 days, white background
- Copy of valid government-issued photo ID
- Evidence of legal name change (if applicable)
Marriage certificate, court order, or adoption decree

Beneficiary Documents

- Birth certificate of the beneficiary
Must be translated if not in English by a certified translator
- Copy of beneficiary's valid passport (biographical page)
- Two passport-style photographs of the beneficiary

Relationship Evidence

- Marriage certificate (for spouse petitions)
Civil marriage certificate required even if you had a religious ceremony
- Proof of termination of prior marriages (divorce decrees, death certificates)
- Birth certificates showing parent-child relationship (for children)
- Photos of petitioner and beneficiary together
- Communication evidence (call logs, messages, emails)

Financial Documents

- Form I-864, Affidavit of Support
Required when the beneficiary is ready for immigrant visa or adjustment
- Federal tax returns for the last 3 years
Include all schedules and W-2s
- Current employment letter or verification
- Recent bank statements (last 3 months)

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