I-130, Application To Petition For Alien Relative

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Petition For Alien Relative

A citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States may file Petition for Alien Relative (I-130), with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to establish the existence of a relationship to certain alien relatives who wish to immigrate to the United States.

Filing the I-130 is only the first step in helping a relative immigrate to the United States. Eligible family members must wait until there is a visa number available before they can apply to become a lawful permanent resident. If, at that time, your relative is present in the United States, they can apply for lawful permanent resident status through a process called Adjustment of Status. However, if your relative is outside of the United States, they must complete consular processing with the U.S. Department of State at an embassy or consulate to first get an immigrant visa and travel to the United States to be admitted as a lawful permanent resident.

Review the Petition for an Alien Relative (I-130) page for links to the paper forms.

Before You Start Your Application

Eligibility

1. If you are a U.S. citizen, you must file a separate Form I-130 for each eligible
I-130: Start Application

https://qa-my.uscis.dhs.gov/apply/petition-for-a-relative/start-petition

Official website of the Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Petition for Alien Relative (I-130)

Completing your form online

Filing online
Submitting your application online is the same as mailing in a completed paper form. They both gather the same information and cost the same.

Complete the Getting Started section first
You should answer all questions in the Getting Started section first so we can best customize the rest of your online form experience.

Provide as many responses as you can
You should provide as many responses as you can. Incomplete fields or sections and missing information can slow down the process after you submit your form.

We will automatically save your responses
We will automatically save your information when you select next to go to a new section.
Before you begin

A petitioner is the U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident who files an alien petition on behalf of a family member.

A beneficiary is the family member you are petitioning for.

Currently, only the Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) is the form available online. The beneficiary will have to submit the Adjustment of Status Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (I-485) as a paper form.
What is your preparer's full name?

Given name (first name) 

Family name (last name) 

What is your preparer's business or organization name?

☐ My preparer is not part of a business or organization.
What is your interpreter's full name?

Given name (first name)

Family name (last name)

What is your interpreter's business or organization name?

My interpreter is not part of a business or organization.

What is your current legal name?

Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide any nicknames here.

**Given name (first name)**

**Middle name (if applicable)**

**Family name (last name)**
How can we contact you?

Daytime telephone number

Mobile telephone number

This is the same as my daytime telephone number.

Email address

sra2797@test.com

What is your current mailing address?

We will use your current mailing address to contact you throughout the application process. We may be able to contact you

applicant > sra2797@test.com > 9732af10-6f68-4b8b-ae77-a035b3593112
Where have you lived during the last 5 years?

Provide your physical addresses for the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States.

- Add entry

**Country**

You must provide a response.
I-130: About You – Describe Yourself

We require you to complete the categories below to conduct background checks. Providing this information as part of your application may reduce the time you spend at your biometric services appointment.

What is your gender?
- Female
- Male

What is your ethnicity?
Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
Where have you worked for the last five years?

Provide your employment history for the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. Provide your current employment first. If you are currently unemployed, type "Unemployed" for name of the employer.

○ Add entry

What is the name of the employer?

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○ You must provide a response.

What is the employer's address?

Country

Address line 1
What is your current immigration status?

- I am a US Citizen
- I am a Lawful Permanent Resident

Did you gain lawful permanent resident status or citizenship through adoption?

- Yes
- No
What is your current immigration status?

- I am a US Citizen
- I am a Lawful Permanent Resident

Did you gain lawful permanent resident status or citizenship through adoption?

- Yes
- No
How did you obtain U.S. citizenship?

- Birth in the United States
- Naturalization
- Parents

Have you obtained a Certificate of Naturalization or a Certificate of Citizenship?

- Yes
- No
What is your class of admission?

Your class of admission is the 3-digit code for the immigrant category under which you were granted your permanent resident status.

This code can be found on your Permanent Resident Card and usually consists of 1 or 2 letters followed by a number.

Where to find your code

[Image of a Permanent Resident Card]
What is your current marital status?

- Single, never married
- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Marriage annulled
- Separated
What is your current spouse's legal name?

Your spouse's legal name is the name on his or her birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.

Given name (first name)  

Middle name (if applicable)  

Family name (last name)
Your prior marriages

List all of your prior spouses below

- Add entry

What is your prior spouse's legal name?

Your prior spouse's legal name is the name on his or her birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.
What is the full name of parent 1?

Your parent's legal name is the name on their birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.

Given name (first name)  

Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)
What is the full name of parent 2?

Your parent's legal name is the name on their birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.

Given name (first name)

Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)
I-130: Your Beneficiary – Relationship to Beneficiary (Spouse)

For whom are you filing this petition?

Select the relationship the beneficiary has to you (e.g., if the beneficiary is your parent, select "Parent").

- Spouse
- Parent
- Brother or Sister
- Child
For whom are you filing this petition?

Select the relationship the beneficiary has to you (e.g., if the beneficiary is your parent, select "Parent").

- ○ Spouse
- ○ Parent
- ○ Brother or Sister
- ○ Child

Which best describes your relationship?
For whom are you filing this petition?

Select the relationship the beneficiary has to you (e.g., if the beneficiary is your parent, select "Parent").

- Spouse
- Parent
- Brother or Sister
- Child

Which best describes your relationship?

Select the option that best describes your relationship with your child.
For whom are you filing this petition?

Select the relationship the beneficiary has to you (e.g., if the beneficiary is your parent, select "Parent").

- Spouse
- Parent
- Brother or Sister
- Child
What is the beneficiary's current legal name?

Given name (first name)

Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)
How can we contact the beneficiary?

Daytime telephone number

Country code: +0001
Phone number: 22222222222222222222

Mobile telephone number

Country code: +0001
Phone number: 

Email address: 

Where does the beneficiary live now?

If the beneficiary lives outside the United States in a home without a street number or name, leave Address Line 1 and Address Line 2 blank.

Country

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2
What is the beneficiary's USCIS Online Account Number?

Providing the beneficiary's unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage their account. The beneficiary may already have an OAN if they previously filed certain paper forms and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number.

They do not have a USCIS Online Account Number.

What is the beneficiary's U.S. Social Security Number?
What is the beneficiary's USCIS Online Account Number?

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- They do not have a USCIS Online Account Number.


What is the beneficiary's U.S. Social Security Number?
Was the beneficiary EVER in the United States?

- Yes
- No

What is the beneficiary's Passport number?

You should provide a response.
What was the beneficiary's class of admission?

The beneficiary's class of admission is the 3-digit code for the immigrant category under which they were granted their permanent resident status.

This code can be found on their Permanent Resident Card and usually consists of 1 or 2 letters followed by a number.

Where to find the beneficiary's code

[Image of a Permanent Resident Card]
You have selected that the beneficiary has been in immigration proceedings. Provide information on their immigration proceeding in this section.

What type of proceedings?

- Removal
- Rescission
- Exclusion/Deportation
- Other judicial proceedings
Beneficiary's immigration proceedings

You have selected that the beneficiary has been in immigration proceedings. Provide information on each of their immigration proceedings in this section.

- Add entry

What type of proceedings?
- Removal
- Rescission
Where does the beneficiary currently work?

Provide the beneficiary’s current employment information, even if they are employed outside of the United States. If the beneficiary is currently unemployed, type unemployed in the name of current employer field.

Name of current employer

Country
What is your beneficiary's current marital status?

If your beneficiary is also your current spouse, answer the questions in the following section about yourself.

- Single, never married
- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Marriage annulled
- Separated
What is your beneficiary's current spouse's legal name?

Your beneficiary's spouse's legal name is the name on his or her birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.

Given name (first name)  Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)

On what date did your beneficiary marry their current spouse?
Beneficiary's prior marriages

List all of the beneficiary's prior spouses below

**Add entry**

**What is the beneficiary's prior spouse's legal name?**

The beneficiary's prior spouse's legal name is the name on his or her birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide a nickname here.

**Given name (first name)**

**Middle name (if applicable)**
Beneficiary's family

Provide information about the beneficiary's spouse and children in this section if they have any.

Add entry

What is the beneficiary's spouse or child's full legal name?

Given name (first name)

Middle name (if applicable)

Family name (last name)
At which USCIS office will the beneficiary apply for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident?

City or town

State
Have you EVER previously filed a petition for this beneficiary or any other alien?

- Yes
- No

Next
Provide information on prior petitions.

You have selected that you have previously filed a petition for this beneficiary or any other alien. Provide information on each petition you have filed in this section.

Add entry

What is the full legal name of the beneficiary or alien you filed on behalf of?

Given name (first name)  

Middle name (if applicable)  

Family name (last name)
Are you submitting separate petitions for other relatives?

If you are also submitting separate petitions for other relatives, provide the names of and your relationship to each relative in this section.

Add entry

What is your relative's full legal name?
Information about beneficiary in their native written language

If the beneficiary's native written language does not use Roman letters, upload a document with his or her name and foreign address in their native written language.
Additional Information

If you need to provide additional information to any of the questions in this form, you may enter it here.

○ New Additional Information Entry

Section

Beneficiary's Family

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Marital status
As part of petitioning for a relative, you will need to provide evidence to support your I-130. These documents help us evaluate your application and verify your answers.

You are required to provide several documents as part of submitting your application. You may also need to provide additional evidence, depending on how you answered some questions.

Do not send original documents to USCIS in the mail. Provide legible copies of your documents unless USCIS later requests original documents.

Proof of Lawful Permanent Resident Status

Upload an image of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card (I-551) (formerly known as the Alien Registration Card or Green Card).

Make sure all text is clear and readable. If you have not yet received your card, submit copies of your passport biographic page and the page showing admission as a lawful permanent resident, or other evidence of permanent resident status issued by USCIS or the former INS.

Dragging and dropping file to upload...
2" x 2" photo of your spouse

Upload a recent color photograph of your spouse that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with their face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of their head. Their eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.

Make sure their whole face is visible, they are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Their head must be bare, unless contrary to their religious beliefs. Also, include an image of the back of the photograph with their name and A-Number written in pen or pencil.

If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use to the Department of State's photo composition tools.

Drag files here or choose a file
Maximum size: 6MB per file
Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
No encrypted or password-protected files

Attaching your files
Use a scanner or take pictures of each document. Make sure each image you attach is clear and that all text is readable.
Proof of legal name change

If either you or the person you are filing for is using a name that is not the same name shown on the relevant documents, you must file your petition with copies of the legal documents reflecting the name change, such as:

- A marriage certificate
- An adoption decree
- A court order

Drag files here or choose a file
Maximum size: 6MB per file
Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
No encrypted or password-protected files

Attaching your files
Use a scanner or take pictures of each document. Make sure each image you attach is clear and that all text is readable.

Translations
If a required document is unavailable, you must provide a typed or printed explanation of the reasons that document is unavailable and submit secondary evidence to establish eligibility. Secondary evidence must overcome the unavailability of the required documents. USCIS may request an original typed or printed statement from the appropriate government or other legal authority to support your claim that the documents are unavailable.

The following types of secondary evidence may be submitted to establish eligibility:

- Religious record
- School records
- Census records
- Written statements

Religious record

[Image]
Affidavits

If records like those described above are not available, then you may submit two or more written statements from individuals who were living at the time and who have personal knowledge of the event you are trying to prove, such as the date and place of birth, marriage, or death. The individuals making the written statements do not have to be U.S. citizens.

Each written statement must contain the following information regarding the individual making the written statement:

- Full legal name
- Address
- Place of birth
- Date of birth
- Detailed information about the event
- Detailed information explaining how the individual acquired personal knowledge of the event

Each individual's written statement must include the following declaration:

"I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on [date], [signature]."
Check your application before you submit

We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.

You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Your fee

Your form filing fee is: $535.00
I-130: Review and Submit – Review Your Petition

Check your application before you submit

We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.

You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Your fee

Your form filing fee is: $550.00

Refund Policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we
I-130: Review and Submit – Your Petition Summary

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your petition.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your petition. You can edit your responses by going to each petition section using the site navigation.

We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.

View draft case snapshot
### Your U.S. citizen information

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Preparer’s statement

Your preparer must read the statements below and select the statement that applies to him or her.

If your preparer is an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of this petition, he or she may be obliged to submit a completed Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative (G-28) with your petition.

- I am **not** an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this petition on behalf of the petitioner and with the petitioner's consent.
- I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the petitioner in this case does not extend beyond the preparation of this petition.
- **I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the petitioner in this case extends beyond the preparation of this petition.**
Preparer's signature upload

Scan and upload your preparer's completed signature page below.

Drag files here or choose a file
Maximum size: 6MB per file
Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
No encrypted or password-protected files
I certify, under penalty of perjury that: I am fluent in English and the language provided in the Getting Started section of this petition, and I have read to this petitioner every question and instruction on this petition and his or her answer to every question. The petitioner informed me that he or she understands
I-130: Review and Submit – Interpreter Signature Upload (If Exist)

Interpreter's signature upload

Scan and upload your interpreter's completed signature page below.

Drag files here or choose a file
Maximum size: 6MB per file
Accepted formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
No encrypted or password-protected files
Petitioner's statement regarding the preparer

You must read and agree to the statement below.

☐ At my request, the preparer named in the Getting Started section of this petition prepared this petition for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Petitioner's statement regarding the interpreter

You must read and agree to the statement below.

☐ The interpreter named in the Getting Started section of this petition read to me every question
I-130: Review and Submit – Your Signature
Note: without Interpreter and Preparer

Petitioner's statement

You must read and agree to the statement below.

☐ I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question.
I-130: Review and Submit – Your Signature

https://qa-my.uscis.dhs.gov/apply/petition-for-a-relative/134828/your-signature

Petitioner's certification and signature

You must read and agree to the certification below. If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your petition, we can deny your petition and may deny any other immigration benefit. You may also face criminal prosecution and penalties provided by law.

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

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Pay for and submit your petition

The final step to submit your Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) is to pay the required fee.

Your petition fee is: $550.00

Refund Policy: By continuing this transaction, you agree that you are paying for a government service and that the filing fee, biometric services fee and all related financial transactions are final and not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on an application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.
Pay.gov screens
I-130: Confirmation— Payment unsuccessful

You did not submit your Petition for Alien Relative (I-130)

Your payment failed because your credit or debit card was declined.

You can try again now to sign and submit your petition or save your petition and exit.

Sign and submit
Save and close
You successfully submitted your Petition for Alien Relative (I-130)

You can track your case status through your USCIS account.

Go to my cases