

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Spouse relationship evidence: an event-based index

How can spouses index relationship records without assuming every document proves the same fact?

Index a spouse relationship file by the civil event, the people involved and the limited fact each record supports. This makes the record easier to review without manufacturing a uniform story or treating one document as proof of every part of a marriage.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Index civil marriage with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index prior civil status with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index shared-life material with its source and event date.
- ☐ Index identity linkage with its source and event date.
- ☐ Mark missing or conflicting information without inventing an answer.
- ☐ Compare the finished index with current official instructions before relying on it.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-130: Petition for Alien Relative

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-130>

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

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