

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form I-129: petition structure for temporary workers

How do I read Form I-129 by worker category, petitioner role and requested action?

Form I-129 is a USCIS petition used across several temporary-worker classifications. Its base form does not create one universal evidence checklist. Read the requested classification, action and applicable supplement together, then distinguish the petitioner's obligations, the worker's qualifications and any later visa or admission decision.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Name the actual petitioner, beneficiary and any separate preparer.
- ☐ Record the requested classification and whether the action concerns entry, extension, change or another category-specific request.
- ☐ Obtain the current official I-129 materials and read the instructions for the actual classification.
- ☐ Keep job/employer evidence, worker qualifications and any Labor Department record separate.
- ☐ Identify whether cap registration, consular visa processing or a later admission stage applies.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Form I-129: petition structure for temporary workers

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-129>

USCIS: H-1B specialty occupations: job, LCA, registration and petition stages

<https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/h-1b-specialty-occupations>

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Source links (continued)

Office of the Federal Register / eCFR: 8 CFR 214.2: classification-specific temporary-worker requirements

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-8/section-214.2>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/forms/i-129/>

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