

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Prepare an interview file without rehearsing invented answers

How can I organize records and questions before a USCIS benefit interview?

Read the current interview notice, compare the filed record with source documents, and prepare truthful questions about uncertainties. Keep logistics, interpretation and access needs separate from legal eligibility. This checklist does not predict interview questions, coach a fabricated story or guarantee that bringing documents will produce approval.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the interview and current instructions.
- ☐ Review the submitted version against source records.
- ☐ Organize documents for retrieval rather than volume.
- ☐ Confirm communication and access arrangements.
- ☐ Keep an accurate record after attendance.

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-485 and official instructions

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-485>

USCIS: USCIS Contact Center

<https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter?GAID=662195141.1590502405>

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

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

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Source links (continued)

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

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