

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form I-130: family petition, evidence and the next process

Does approval of Form I-130 give a relative a Green Card?

No. Form I-130 establishes a qualifying family relationship for an immigration petition. Filing or approval does not itself give the beneficiary immigration status or a Green Card. A separate permanent-residence process and its own requirements remain to be addressed.

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 petitioner and beneficiary separately.
- ☐ List the official civil records supporting the claimed relationship.
- ☐ Record name changes and missing records without altering originals.
- ☐ Keep translated documents with their source records.
- ☐ Distinguish petition evidence from later Green Card evidence.
- ☐ Recheck official instructions, fees and filing destination before submission.

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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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