

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Adult sons and daughters: petitioner status, marriage and category

Why does an adult child's marital status matter in family immigration research?

The official family map uses different categories for a petitioner's sons and daughters. It lists permanent residents' unmarried sons or daughters separately from U.S.-citizen relationships. Keep the beneficiary's age and civil history connected to the actual petition category rather than using child as a general family label.

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 original documented relationship.
- ☐ Preserve relevant marriage and termination events.
- ☐ Keep changes in citizenship or other relevant records in chronological order.
- ☐ Retain the actual classification stated in official correspondence.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

U.S. Department of State: Family immigration: categories and agency roles

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/family-immigration.html>

USCIS: I-130: Petition for Alien Relative

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

USCIS: Child Status Protection Act: age analysis and category scope

<https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/child-status-protection-act-cspa>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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