

## YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

# Changes during a family petition: category, civil history and agency handoff

## What changes should remain visible in a pending or approved family petition history?

A citizenship change, marriage, divorce, death or intended process change can create different questions in a family case. Preserve the event and identify the actual agency stage. USCIS distinguishes a pending I-130 handoff change from a change requested after 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 relationship and category recorded at filing.
- ☐ Preserve the actual civil or citizenship event.
- ☐ Keep any notice addressing the changed facts.
- ☐ Show who is affected without extending the change to unrelated records.

### Notes and questions to follow up

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### 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>

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

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

**Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status**

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

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/immigration-paths/family/petition-changes/>

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