

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Which family members can a permanent resident petition for?

Which relatives can a Green Card holder petition for, and what changes after naturalization?

The Department of State lists a permanent resident's spouse and unmarried sons or daughters as eligible relationship categories for family petitions. That list differs from the U.S.-citizen relationship list. A petition starts a process; it does not itself provide a visa, admission or status for the relative, and later naturalization or a relationship change needs case-specific review.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Confirm the petitioner's current status.
- ☐ Identify the precise relationship and beneficiary's circumstances.
- ☐ Distinguish the petition from the later visa or adjustment stage.
- ☐ Review later citizenship or marital changes against the actual category.

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>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

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

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