

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Sibling immigration: the shared parent and preference category

How does a sibling relationship connect to a family-preference petition?

The Department of State lists siblings in the U.S.-citizen family map and treats qualifying sibling immigration as a preference framework. The legal shared-parent connection matters, and a petition decision remains separate from numerical availability or a residence grant.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Preserve the civil record identifying the person and relevant parent.
- ☐ Compare the corresponding parent information without assuming identical spellings.
- ☐ Retain legal events that may affect the relationship description.
- ☐ Keep the agency's classification and later notices linked to the relevant request.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

Department of State: 9 FAM 102.8: statutory family relationships

<https://fam.state.gov/fam/O9FAM/O9FAM010208.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/>

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

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

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