



Family Reunification General Guidelines and Overview

Agency for New Americans BIA Accredited Immigration Program

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I – 730 Refugee /Asylee Relative Petition

No application fee. Possible translation fees.

- Spouse and/or unmarried children under 21
- Relationship must have existed on the date admitted to the United States
- Must be filed in the first two years in the United States
- Must be the principal immigrant (did not derive status from someone else)

Affidavits of Relationship (AOR)

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- Spouse, unmarried children under 21 and parents
- Must be outside their countries of Nationality
- Be able to establish a refugee claim independently
- Be a eligible nationally – reviewed each year by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) annual assessment of refugees in need
- Program is currently on hold worldwide

I – 130 Petition for Alien Relative

Application fees. Beneficiaries do not come as a refugee. Petitioner is responsible for all costs incurred.

Legal Permanent Resident

- Spouse, unmarried children under 21 and unmarried sons or daughters over 21.
- USCIS processing time is currently about 4 years

U.S. Citizen

- Spouse, children under and over 21, parents, if you are over 21, Siblings, if you are over 21
- Fiancé – different application process but a fiancé can be applied for as a US Citizen
- Processing time varies. Processing time for spouse and unmarried children under 21 is currently about 6 months.

Processing times are variable depending on many factors involved in the application process. There is no guarantee of approval. All decisions are made by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, The Department of Homeland Security, UNHCR and other entities involved in the process. As a Board of Immigration Appeals accredited agency, the best our staff can do for our clients is provide is clear, concise and accurate applications with prompt and efficient follow-up. All clients must make appointments for immigration services which include all refugee related and family reunification applications.