

# Bring Your Siblings to the U.S. Checklist

The checklist provided below is for individuals looking to bring their sibling (or family member) to the U.S. on a visa. Here's what you will need:

- Step 1: File Form I-130**
  - Complete Form I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative).
  - In the "Relationship" section, select "Third Box" for siblings.
  - Specify the relationship type (blood, cousin, or adopted).
- Step 2: Receive Form I-130 Approval and Proceed to the National Visa Center**
  - Submit Form I-130 to USCIS and await approval (2 to 5 years).
  - Monitor visa bulletin dates for the priority date.
  - Visit the National Visa Center when the priority date becomes current.
- Step 3: File Affidavit of Support**
  - File the affidavit of support and DS forms at the National Visa Center.
  - Pay special attention to siblings under 21 years old and the Child Status Protection Act.
  - Consult an immigration lawyer for guidance.
- Step 4: Bring Sibling to the U.S. on an Immigrant Visa**
  - An immigrant visa will be issued upon approval.
  - Ensure your sibling enters the U.S. before the visa expires to avoid restarting the process.
- Step 5: Wait for the Permanent Resident Card**
  - Once inside the U.S., wait for the Permanent Resident Card, which will be mailed to the provided address by USCIS.

## How to Use This Checklist

The checklist for bringing your sibling to the U.S. provides a structured approach to the immigration process. Begin with Step 1, completing each task within a step and checking it off as you go. Progress through Steps 2 to 5 in the same manner. Before starting, review the eligibility criteria. Download the checklist for convenience and consult an immigration lawyer if needed. Keep the checklist handy as a visual aid to stay organized and ensure a successful sibling immigration process.