



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
Giessener Str 30
60435 Frankfurt, Germany

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING ALIEN RELATIVE PETITIONS

WHO MAY FILE IN FRANKFURT

An I-130 Alien Relative Petition may be filed by a United States citizen (USC) petitioner on behalf of an immediate relative [spouse, child or parent]. The I-130 Alien Relative Petition may be filed by mail or in person with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (**USCIS**) in Frankfurt only if the USC petitioner is presently residing in Germany and has been residing in Germany for at least six months prior to filing. **PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN GERMANY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY ALL PETITIONERS.**

Please note that any other I-130 Petitions [such as petitions filed by USCs on behalf of their Unmarried Sons or Daughters, Married Sons or Daughters, Brothers & Sisters or any petitions filed by Lawful Permanent Residents] must be filed with the appropriate USCIS office in the United States. **EXCEPTION** - In the case of US Armed Forces Members who are Lawful Permanent Residents who are stationed in Germany and wish to file on behalf of family members because of a PCS move back to the United States, should contact our office for information on filing and parole options while waiting for a visa number by sending an email to USCIS.Frankfurt@dhs.gov for further information].

HOW TO FILE

Appointments to file in person can be made through the INFOPASS website at <http://infopass.uscis.gov> for Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00am except on German and American holidays. If you are under time restrictions, we recommend filing in person as mail-in petitions take longer to reach our office. The **average** processing time for a properly filed petition after it has been received by our office is 60-90 days.

Please note that properly filed means that all the forms have been signed correctly and the correct filing fees have been submitted. If a petition is not properly filed, it will be rejected and returned to you with a notice regarding the deficiencies. The mailing address is: American Consulate General, USCIS, Giessener Str. 30, 60435 Frankfurt (APO: AMCONGEN/CIS, PSC 115 Box 1019, DPO AE 09213-0115). Please note the following instructions:

1. Read the petition's instruction pages carefully and complete all sections of the form. Make sure EVERY question is answered. If not applicable put "N/A" or "None." The United States citizen petitioner must sign the form in part "E."
2. Please include a mailing address, physical address, work address of both the petitioner and beneficiary (spouse, child, parent, brother or sister). In addition, please include home phone, work phone, cell phone and email addresses of both the petitioner and the beneficiary. (If military, include APO/FPO address, if applicable and DSN telephone numbers with the commercial equivalent, along with your military email address.)



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3. Complete the G-325A, Biographic Forms, if filing on behalf of a spouse. Both the petitioner and beneficiary must each complete and sign their own G-325A. Form G-325A is not required if filing on behalf of a child or a parent.
4. A petition filed on behalf of a spouse **MUST** include one passport photograph of the petitioner and one passport photo of the beneficiary spouse. Photographs should be a passport-style color photo taken within 30 days prior to filing the I-130 petition. The photos must have a white background and be glossy unretouched and not mounted. The dimensions of the full frontal facial image should be about 1 inch from the chin to top of the hair. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print the name (and Alien Registration Number, if known) on the back of each photograph. Photographs are not required if filing on behalf of a child, parent, brother or sister.
5. Attach a **FILING FEE** of **\$420.00** for **each petition**. The **\$420.00** fee must be a US Dollar's cashier's check, US Dollar money order, international bank draft made payable to the US Citizenship & Immigration Services, Visa or MasterCard. **DO NOT MAIL CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS**. If you are filing the petition in person, cash in US dollars or Euros equivalent may be used.
6. Attach photocopies of **all** required documents for each petition. We may request to see the originals.
7. Any document presented to USCIS that is not in English **MUST** have a **COMPLETE** translation into the English language. The person that completes the translation must list his/her name and indicate he/she is fluent in both the English and foreign language and that the translation is complete and accurate.

CHECK-LIST FOR I-130 PETITION FOR ALIEN RELATIVE P

Please make sure the items on the following check-list are completed and copies of the required documents are submitted for **each** person. This will ensure the efficient processing of your petition(s).

- 1. A completed I-130 Petition for Alien Relative for each person who is looking to immigrate to the United States.
- 2. One copy of the petitioner's US citizen's passport (photo page) or United States birth certificate issued by a civil registrar, vital statistics office, or other civil authority.
- 3. One copy of the petitioner's **German Residence Permit** (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) or if dual citizen, copy of German passport, or a copy of the petitioner's orders if he/she is a member of the U.S. military stationed or Armed Forces civilian employed in Germany to show proof of residence in Germany.



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- 4. One copy of the present marriage certificate, with English translation if applicable.
- 5. One copy of divorce decree or death certificates for all prior marriages for both the petitioner and beneficiary spouse, with English translation if applicable.
- 6. Completed Form G-325As if filing on behalf of a spouse. Both the petitioner and the spouse beneficiary must each complete and sign their own G-325A. Forms G-325A are not required if filing on behalf of a child or parent.
- 7. One color photograph of the petitioner and beneficiary if filing on behalf of a spouse. No photographs are required if filing on behalf of a child or parent.
- 8. If filing for a child, include one copy of his/her birth certificate, with English translation if applicable. If any name changes have taken place, we need one copy of the legal documents that effected the name change such as marriage certificate, adoption decree or court order. If the child was adopted please include one copy of the adoption decree.
- 8. If filing for a parent, include one copy of United States Citizen Petitioner's birth certificate indicating birth parents, with English translation if applicable. If any name changes have taken place for petitioner or parent, we need one copy of the legal documents that effected the name change such as marriage certificate, adoption decree or court order. If it is for adoptive parent, please include one copy of the adoption decree with English translation if applicable.
- 9. The fee of **\$420.00** or the equivalent in Euros (based on the consulate rate) for each petition (Payments accepted: US dollar's cashier's check, US dollar money order, international bank draft, Visa or MasterCard. Personal Checks are NOT accepted).

PLEASE SUMIT YOUR PETITION(S) ONLY IF SIGNED AND ACCOMPANIED BY ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND FEE. INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL DELAY PROCESSING.

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