

WHAT YOU NEED TO FILE I-130 PETITION IN MANILA

USCIS MANILA accepts and adjudicates I-130 Petition filed by U.S. Citizens residing in the Philippines.

Residency: Section 101(a)(33) of the Immigration and Nationality Act **defines** "residence" as the "place of general abode; the place of general abode of the person means his principal, actual dwelling place in fact, without regard to intent."

- **Proof of residency:** resident alien card (ACR), foreign tax returns, foreign property deeds, rentals and/or leases, foreign business ownership, utility bills, student permit with proof of enrollment, driver's license or other proof of permanent residency in the Philippines.
- Filing fee of **\$535.00** (US Dollars or its PESO equivalent on the day of filing) – **Only cash or U.S. Postal Money Order payable to "Department of Homeland Security" or major credit cards are acceptable.**
- **Proof of Citizenship:** A copy of your valid U.S. Passport and/or Birth Certificate. Naturalization Certificate, if naturalized. Form FS-240 Report of Birth Abroad.

FOR SPOUSE:

- Accomplished Form I-130 Petition signed by you (U.S. citizen petitioner);
- Accomplished Form G-325A: One for the petitioner and one for beneficiary
- A passport-style colored photo taken within 30 days of the date of filing the petition. One (1) photo for each (petitioner and beneficiary)
- Marriage Contract / Certificate and **termination of all prior marriages** of petitioner and beneficiary if applicable;
- Birth certificate of your spouse.
- Birth certificates of all children of your spouse (if there is any);
- Evidence of marital relationship; i.e. documentation showing joint ownership of property; A lease showing joint tenancy of a common residence; Documentation showing co-mingling of financial resources, including but not limited to joint bank accounts/loans, lease, contract or ownership of properties/assets, joint insurance policies, insurance policies held by one spouse showing the other spouse as the beneficiary, or other documents which show co-mingling of financial resources; Birth certificates of children born to you, the petitioner, and your spouse together; copies of CRBA if applicable; Affidavits sworn to or affirmed by third parties having personal knowledge of the bona fides of the marital relationship. (Each affidavit must contain the full name and address, date and place of birth of the person making the affidavit, his or her relationship to the petitioner or beneficiary, if any, and complete information and details explaining how the person acquired his or her knowledge of your marriage); or, Any other relevant documentation to establish that there is an ongoing marital union.

FOR CHILDREN:

- Accomplished Form I-130 Petition signed by you (U.S. citizen petitioner);
- If you are the mother: copy of child's Birth Certificate showing your name and the name of your child.
- If you are the father: copy of child's Birth Certificate showing both parent's names and your marriage certificate
- For children born out of wedlock and you are the father, (child not legitimated before reaching 18 years old), please see page 3 of Form I-130.
- For adopted child, please ask for separate guidelines and visit our website: www.uscis.gov

FOR PARENTS:

- Accomplished Form I-130 Petition signed by you (U.S. citizen petitioner);
- Petitioner's Birth Certificate showing name and parents' name.
- Marriage Contract and Termination of any prior marriage of Petitioner and Beneficiary (if there's any); - Marriage Contract of Parents. Please see I-130 instructions.

NOTE: 3-6 MONTHS PROCESSING TIME. TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF YOUR PETITION, PLEASE SUBMIT CLEAR/CERTIFIED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND ANSWERS MUST BE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE (TYPED OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK).

While I-130 petition is pending with USCIS Manila, any changes in the information provided must be reported to:

DHS/USCIS, US Embassy

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