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Family Preference Chart Simplified

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BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN THE U.S.

WHAT IS FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION?

The U.S. Immigration System allows Citizens and Permanent Residents to Sponsor close Family Members for Green Cards under Family Preference Categories.

2 Major Types:

- 1 Immediate Relatives (IR) – No quota limit**
- 2 Family Preference (F1–F4) – Subject to annual caps**



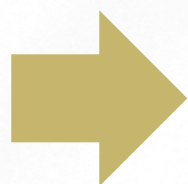


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IMMEDIATE RELATIVES (IR CATEGORY)

WHO QUALIFIES AS AN IMMEDIATE RELATIVE?

- 1 Spouse of a U.S. Citizen**
- 2 Unmarried children (under 21) of U.S. Citizens**
- 3 Parents of U.S. Citizens (if petitioner is 21+)**



No visa backlog – fastest processing!





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FAMILY PREFERENCE CATEGORIES OVERVIEW

FAMILY PREFERENCE (F1–F4) CHART SIMPLIFIED

Category	Sponsored By	Eligible Relatives	Typical Wait Time
F1	U.S. Citizen	Unmarried adult sons/daughters (21+)	7–10 yrs
F2A	Green Card Holder	Spouse & unmarried children (<21)	2–3 yrs
F2B	Green Card Holder	Unmarried adult sons/daughters (21+)	8–10 yrs
F3	U.S. Citizen	Married sons/daughters (any age)	12–14 yrs
F4	U.S. Citizen	Brothers & sisters (petitioner 21+)	15+ yrs

*Approximate Timelines Vary



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HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

FROM PETITION TO GREEN CARD

- 1 U.S. citizen/LPR files Form I-130.**
- 2 USCIS approves the petition.**
- 3 Visa number assigned as per priority date.**
- 4 NVC processing + documentation.**
- 5 Consular interview or adjustment of status in U.S.**





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UNDERSTANDING PRIORITY DATES

WHAT IS A PRIORITY DATE?

- 1** The filing date of I-130 becomes your Priority Date.
- 2** When your date becomes “current” in the Visa Bulletin
→ you can proceed with the final steps.
- 3** You can track progress monthly via U.S. State
Department’s Visa Bulletin.





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TYPICAL MISTAKES TO AVOID

COMMON FAMILY VISA MISTAKES

- 1 Submitting incomplete documentation.**
- 2 Confusing IR vs. F-category eligibility.**
- 3 Not updating marital status or age changes.**
- 4 Ignoring visa bulletin updates.**



Expert review by T.P.L. Global can prevent costly delays!





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QUICK COMPARISON SNAPSHOT

IMMEDIATE RELATIVES VS FAMILY PREFERENCE

Feature	Immediate Relatives	Family Preference
Visa Limit	No cap	Annual quota
Wait Time	Short	Long (years)
Eligible Sponsors	U.S. Citizens only	Citizens & LPRs
Processing Priority	Highest	Based on F - category



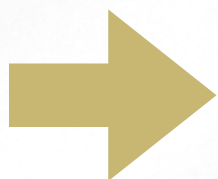


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T.P.L. GLOBAL ADVANTAGE

WHY CHOOSE T.P.L. GLOBAL?

- 1 1000+ successful family visa cases.**
- 2 Expertise in I-130, Visa Bulletin, and NVC process.**
- 3 Guidance on complex multi-family petitions.**
- 4 Transparent timelines & dedicated case managers.**



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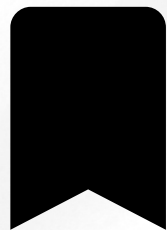
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