



## I-130 Preparation Checklist

- **Proof of Petitioner's Status:**
  - Permanent Residency Card
  - Birth Certificate (U.S.)
  - Naturalization Certificate
  - Passport (U.S.)
- **Applicant's Biographic Document:**
  - Birth Certificate
  - Consular ID
  - Passport
- **Evidence of Valid Marriage**
  - Marriage Certificate
  - Divorces and Death Certificates if either party has any previous marriages
- **Evidence that it's a REAL Marriage:**
  - **Pictures:** Wedding, Dating, Special Events, Holidays, Vacations, Pictures with both sides of the family, if you've ever baptized a child together.
  - **Birth Certificates of Children together**
  - **Evidence of Joint Property:** Home, Car Registration, Insurance Policies
  - **Evidence of Co-Mingling of funds:** Joint Bank Accounts, Joint Taxes, Statements from Joint Credit Cards
  - **Evidence of Cohabitation:** Rental Lease or Mortgage, Rent Receipts, Utility Bills together, Mail received to the same address, IDs with same address on them
- **Appropriate Photographs (Permanent Residence or "Green Card" style)**
  - Two photographs of the USC/LPR spouse
  - Two photographs of the foreign spouse
- **Biographic Info Needed for form 325A (for Petitioner AND Beneficiary):**
  - Parents' Date of Birth, Place of Birth and Current Location (both sets of parents)
  - Address History for Last 5 years (for both petitioner and beneficiary)
  - Work History for the last 5 years: Include addresses of work places and your position with start and end month/year

**-\$535 Money Order made to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security**