

California Service Center I-130 Priority Date Retention Request Procedures

Supporting Evidence Needed:

- A copy of the approval notice from the previously approved I-130 petition. If the approval notice is not available, submit a copy of a letter issued by the Department of State, National Visa Center (NVC) verifying the approval of the petition, priority date, petitioner, beneficiary and derivative beneficiaries' names.
- If the previously approved I-130 petition was sent to the Department of State, National Visa Center (NVC) for processing, submit a letter, no more than 6 months old, from the NVC stating that the previously approved I-130 petition has not been terminated or revoked.
- If the previously approved I-130 petition has been forwarded to the American Consulate/Embassy, submit a letter, no more than six months old, from the American Consulate/Embassy stating that the previously approved I-130 petition has not been terminated or revoked.
- If there has been a legal name change for either the petitioner or beneficiary, submit evidence to support the change.
- If the principal beneficiary has been granted Lawful Permanent Resident status, submit evidence of the status.

*Please note that further evidence may be required and requested at the time of adjudication.

For New I-130 Filings:

Submit the I-130 petition and supporting documentation as stated on Form I-130 instructions, include the additional evidence as described above in support of the retention request, with a cover letter clearly labeled "**Priority Date Retention Request**". In order for a priority date retention request to be considered, the new I-130 petition must be filed by the same petitioner as the previously approved I-130 petition.

For I-130 Petitions Currently Pending at the California Service Center:

Call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 to request priority date retention for the petition.

For Approved I-130 Petitions Awaiting Adjustment of Status I-485 Filing:

Please contact the local Field Office by scheduling an appointment online at www.uscis.gov under the InfoPass section.

For Approved I-130 Petitions that are Located at the National Visa Center or American Embassy/Consulate:

Submit a letter labeled "**Priority Date Retention Request**" that includes the current I130 receipt number and all supporting evidence described above to the National Visa Center at:

*Department of State
National Visa Center
31 Rochester Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801*

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