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## Family-Based Immigration Preference Categories

Preference Category	Basic Criteria
NonPreference	<p><b>“Immediate Relatives” (IR) of United States Citizens (USC)</b> include: spouse, parent and unmarried children and stepchildren under age 21. Not subject to numerical limitation. In some circumstances, spouses of deceased United States citizens qualify.</p> <p><u>IV Terms</u> <b>CR-1</b> - Spouse of a U.S. citizen when the couple have been married less than two years. See Conditional Alien Registration <b>IR-1</b> - Spouse of a U.S. citizen when the couple have been married two years or longer. <b>CR/IR2</b> - Children of a U.S. citizen <b>IR3/4</b> - Orphans adopted abroad or to be adopted in the U.S. by a U.S. citizen. See Adoptions for more information. <b>IR5</b> - Parent of a U.S. citizen</p>
FB-1 (First Preference)	<p><b>Unmarried sons or daughters (over 21 years of age) of United States citizens.</b></p> <p><u>IV Term</u> <b>F1</b> - Unmarried son or daughter of a U.S. citizen</p>
FB-2 (Second Preference)	<p><b>2 A. Spouses and children (under age 21) of lawful permanent residents.</b> <b>2 B. Unmarried sons and daughters (over age 21) of lawful permanent residents.</b></p> <p><u>IV Terms</u> <b>F2A</b> - Spouse or child of an alien resident (LPR) <b>F2B</b> - Unmarried son or daughter of an alien resident (LPR)</p>
FB-3 (Third Preference)	<p><b>Married sons or daughters of United States citizens.</b></p> <p><u>IV Term</u> <b>F3</b> - Married son or daughter of a U.S. citizen</p>
FB-4 (Fourth Preference)	<p><b>Brothers or sisters of United States citizens, provided that the citizen is 21 years or older.</b></p> <p><u>IV Term</u> <b>F4</b> - Brother or sister of a U.S. citizen</p>

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