

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form I-134, Affidavit of Support
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Current Page Number and Section	Current Text	Proposed Text
	<p>Read these instructions carefully to properly complete this form. If you need more space to complete an answer, use a separate sheet of paper. Write your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if any, at the top of each sheet of paper and indicate the part and number of the item to which the answer refers.</p>	[Deleted]
<p>Page 1, What Is the Purpose of This Form?</p>	<p>Section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) bars the admission into the United States of any alien who, in the opinion of the U.S. Department of State officer adjudicating a visa application, a Department of Homeland Security officer, or an immigration judge adjudicating an application for admission, is likely at any time to become a public charge.</p> <p>For aliens seeking admission or adjustment as permanent residents as immediate relatives, family- based immigrants, and certain employment based</p>	<p>[Page 1] What Is the Purpose of Form I-134?</p> <p>Section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) bars the admission into the United States of any foreign national who, in the opinion of the U.S. Department of State officer adjudicating a visa application, a Department of Homeland Security officer, or an immigration judge adjudicating an application for admission, is likely at any time to become a public charge.</p> <p>For foreign nationals seeking admission or adjustment as lawful permanent residents or as immediate relatives, as family-based immigrants, and as certain</p>

	<p>immigrants, as specified in sections 212(a)(4)(C) and 213A of the Act and 8 CFR Part 213a, the petitioning relative must file Form I-864.</p> <p>Form I-134 may be used in any case in which you are inadmissible on public charge grounds, but in which you are not required to have Form I-864 filed on his or her behalf. Section 213 of the Act (<i>not</i> section 213A) permits the admission of an alien who is inadmissible on public charge grounds, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security (or, for immigration judge cases, the discretion of the Attorney General) upon the posting of a bond or other undertaking (method). Form I-134 is the “undertaking” prescribed in section 213 of the Act.</p> <p><i>Do not use Form I-134 if the alien whom you are sponsoring is required to have Form I-864 instead.</i></p>	<p>employment based immigrants, as specified in sections 212(a)(4)(C) and 213A of the INA and 8 CFR Part 213a, the petitioning relative must file Form I-864.</p> <p>Form I-134 may be used in any case in which the foreign national is inadmissible on public charge grounds, but in which he or she is not required to have Form I-864 filed on his or her behalf. Section 213 of the INA (not section 213A) permits the admission of an foreign national who is inadmissible on public charge grounds, in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security (or, for immigration judge cases, the discretion of the Attorney General) upon the posting of a bond or other undertaking (method). Form I-134 is the “undertaking” prescribed in section 213 of the INA.</p> <p>Do not use Form I-134 if the foreign nationals who you are sponsoring are required to have Form I-864 filed on their behalf instead.</p>
<p>Page 1, Execution of Affidavit</p>	<p>If you are sponsoring more than one alien, you must submit a separate Form I-134 for each alien. Form I-134 must be signed in your full name. (Note: Signing Form I-134 is under penalty of perjury under U.S. law.) For this reason, it is not necessary to sign Form I-134 before a notary, or to have your signature notarized after you sign it.</p>	<p>[Page 1] Execution of Affidavit</p> <p>If you are sponsoring more than one foreign national, you must submit a separate Form I-134 for each foreign national. You, as the sponsor, must sign your full name on the form.</p> <p>NOTE: Signing Form I-134 is under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. For this reason, it is not necessary to sign Form I-134 before a notary, or to have your signature notarized after you sign it.</p>

**Page 1,
General Instructions**

Copies

Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application or petition, a legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required may remain a part of the record.

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General Instructions

USCIS provides forms free of charge through the USCIS Web site. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Signature. Each affidavit must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this affidavit, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature. If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the affidavit on your behalf. A legal guardian may also sign for a mentally incompetent person.

Filing Fee. There is no fee to file Form I-134.

Copies. You should submit legible **photocopies** of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

Translations. If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also

	<p>Translations</p> <p>Any document containing a foreign language submitted to USCIS shall be accompanied by a full English language translation which the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator's certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.</p> <p>Fill Out Form I-134</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type or print legibly in black ink. 2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, indicate the item number, and date and sign each sheet. 	<p>submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification should also include the date, the translator's signature and printed name, and may contain the translator's contact information.</p> <p>How To Fill Out Form I-134</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Type or print legibly in black ink. 2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this affidavit, use the space provided in Part 7. Additional Information or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet. 3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks, "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A," unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None," unless otherwise directed. 4. USCIS Online Account Number (if any). If you have previously filed an application, petition, or request using the USCIS online filing system
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		<p>(previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications, petitions, or requests on a paper form via a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. If you received such a notice, your USCIS Online Account Number can be found at the top of the notice. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number.</p> <p>5. Part 4. Sponsor’s Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this affidavit yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the affidavit, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you must sign and date your affidavit and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every affidavit MUST contain the signature of the sponsor (or parent or legal guardian, if applicable). A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p>6. Part 5. Interpreter’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature. If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the instructions and questions on this affidavit to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her</p>
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<p>Page 1, General Instructions Supporting Evidence</p>	<p>As the sponsor, you must show</p>	<p>[Page 2] Supporting Evidence</p> <p>As the sponsor, you must show</p>

	<p>you have sufficient income or financial resources to assure that the alien you are sponsoring will not become a public charge while in the United States.</p> <p>Evidence should consist of copies of any of the documents listed below that apply to your situation.</p> <p>Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income or financial resources may result in the denial of the alien’s application for a visa or his or her removal from the United States.</p> <p>Submit in duplicate evidence of income and resources, as appropriate:</p> <p>A. Statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institutions with deposits, identifying the following details regarding the account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date account opened; 2. Total amount deposited for the past year; and 3. Present balance. <p>B. Statement(s) from your employer on business stationery showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date and nature of employment; 2. Salary paid; and 3. Whether the position is temporary or permanent. <p>C. If self-employed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of last income tax return filed; or 2. Report of commercial rating 	<p>you have sufficient income or financial resources to assure that the foreign national you are sponsoring will not become a public charge while in the United States.</p> <p>Evidence should consist of copies of any of the documents listed below that apply to your situation.</p> <p>Failure to provide evidence of sufficient income or financial resources may result in the denial of the foreign national's application for a visa or his or her removal from the United States.</p> <p>Submit in duplicate evidence of income and resources, as appropriate:</p> <p>A. Statement from an officer of the bank or other financial institutions with deposits, identifying the following details regarding the account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date account opened; 2. Total amount deposited for the past year; and 3. Present balance. <p>B. Statement(s) from your employer on business stationery showing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date and nature of employment; 2. Salary paid; and 3. Whether the position is temporary or permanent. <p>C. If self-employed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of last income tax return filed; or 2. Report of commercial rating
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	<p>concern.</p> <p>D. List containing serial numbers and denominations of bonds and name of record owner(s).</p> <p>Sponsor and Foreign national Liability</p> <p>Under section 213 of the Act, if the person you are sponsoring becomes a public charge, the agency that provides assistance may be able to sue you to recover the cost of the assistance.</p> <p>In addition to that provision, your income and assets may be combined with the income and assets of the person you are sponsoring in determining whether that person is eligible for Food Stamps, 7 U.S.C. 2014(i)(1), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), 42 U.S.C. 1382j, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), 42 U.S.C. 608.</p> <p>Documentation of Income and Resources</p> <p>An alien applying for SSI must make available to the Social Security Administration documentation concerning his or her income and resources and those of the sponsor, including information that was provided in the corresponding application.</p> <p>An alien applying for TANF or Food Stamps must make similar information available to the State public assistance agency.</p>	<p>concern.</p> <p>D. List containing serial numbers and denominations of bonds and name of record owner(s).</p> <p>[No change]</p> <p>Documentation of Income and Resources</p> <p>A foreign national applying for SSI must make available to the Social Security Administration documentation concerning his or her income and resources and those of the sponsor, including information that was provided in the corresponding application</p> <p>A foreign national applying for TANF or Food Stamps must make similar information available to the State public assistance agency.</p>
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	<p>The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture are authorized to obtain copies of any such documentation submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (USCIS) or the U.S. Department of State and to release such documentation to a State public assistance agency.</p> <p>Joint and Several Liability Issues</p> <p>Sections 1621(e) of the Social Security Act and subsection 5(i) of the Food Stamp Act also provide that an alien and his or her sponsor shall be "jointly and severally liable" to repay any SSI, TANF, or Food Stamp benefits that are incorrectly paid because of misinformation provided by a sponsor or because of a sponsor's failure to provide information, except where the sponsor was without fault or where good cause existed. "Jointly and severally liable" means the alien and sponsors are each liable up to the full amount of any repayment due.</p> <p>Incorrect payments that are not repaid will be withheld from any subsequent payments for which you or your sponsor are otherwise eligible under the Social Security Act or Food Stamp Act.</p> <p>These provisions do not apply to SSI, TANF, or Food Stamp eligibility of aliens admitted as refugees, granted asylum or Cuban/Haitian entrants as defined in section 501(e) of P.L. 96-422, and to dependent children of the sponsor or sponsor's spouse.</p>	<p>[No change]</p> <p>Joint and Several Liability Issues</p> <p>Sections 1621(e) of the Social Security Act and subsection 5(i) of the Food Stamp Act also provide that a foreign national and his or her sponsor shall be "jointly and severally liable" to repay any SSI, TANF, or Food Stamp benefits that are incorrectly paid because of misinformation provided by a sponsor or because of a sponsor's failure to provide information, except where the sponsor was without fault or where good cause existed. "Jointly and severally liable" means the foreign national and sponsors are each liable up to the full amount of any repayment due.</p> <p>Incorrect payments that are not repaid will be withheld from any subsequent payments for which you or your sponsor are otherwise eligible under the Social Security Act or Food Stamp Act.</p> <p>These provisions do not apply to SSI, TANF, or Food Stamp eligibility of foreign nationals admitted as refugees, granted asylum or Cuban/Haitian entrants as defined in section 501(e) of P.L. 96-422, and to dependent children of the sponsor or sponsor's spouse.</p>
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<p>Page 2, Where To File?</p>	<p>Where you submit the form depends on whether the alien you are sponsoring is in or outside the United States and what type of application is being submitted. See the instructions provided with the corresponding application for detailed information on where to submit this affidavit of support.</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>Where To File?</p> <p>Please see our Web site at www.uscis.gov/I-134 or call our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 for the most current information about where to file this affidavit. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p>
		<p>[Page 4] [New]</p> <p>What Evidence Must You Submit?</p> <p>You must submit all evidence requested in these Instructions with your affidavit. If you fail to submit required evidence, USCIS may reject or deny your affidavit, for failure to submit requested evidence or supporting documents in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and these Instructions.</p>
<p>Page 2, What Is the Filing Fee?</p>	<p>There is no filing fee for Form I-134.</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p> <p>There is no filing fee for Form I-134.</p>
<p>Page 2, Address Changes</p>	<p>If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/ addresschange or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TDD (hearing</p>	<p>[Page 4]</p> <p>Address Change</p> <p>A sponsor who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from his or her previous residence. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov/addresschange or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing)</p>

	<p>impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.</p>	<p>call: 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>NOTE: Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the Lockbox does not process change of address requests.</p>
<p>Page 3, Processing Information</p>	<p>Any Form I-134 that is not signed will be rejected with a notice that your Form I-134 is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-134. Form I-134 is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.</p> <p>Initial processing</p> <p>Once your Form I-134 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence.</p> <p>Requests for more information or interview</p> <p>We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>Processing Information</p> <p>[Deleted]</p> <p>Initial Processing. Once USCIS accepts your affidavit we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this affidavit, you will not establish a basis of support for the beneficiary and USCIS or the Department of State may reject or deny your affidavit.</p> <p>Requests for More Information. We may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your affidavit. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. USCIS will return any requested originals when they are no longer needed.</p> <p>Requests for Interview. We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your affidavit. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.</p> <p>Decision. The decision on Form I-134</p>

		involves a determination of whether you have established a basis of support for the beneficiary seeking an immigration benefit . USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing.
Page 3, USCIS Forms and Information	<p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this form, visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-870-3676. You may also obtain forms and information by calling our USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TDD (hearing impaired) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can now schedule an appointment through our Internet-based system, InfoPass. To access the system, visit our Web site. Use the InfoPass appointment scheduler and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. InfoPass generates an electronic appointment notice that appears on the screen.</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>USCIS Forms and Information</p> <p>To ensure you are using the latest version of this affidavit, visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have Internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the Forms Request Line at 1-800-870-3676. You may also obtain forms and information by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833.</p> <p>Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at www.uscis.gov. Select “Schedule an appointment online” and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.</p>
Page 3, Penalties	<p>If you knowingly and willfully make any false statement on Form I-134, or conceal any material fact, or submit a false document with Form I-134, we will deny the application for immigration benefits that the</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>Penalties</p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-134, we will deny your Form I-134 and may deny any other immigration benefit the beneficiary seeks. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal</p>

	<p>foreign national for whom you are submitting Form I-134 has filed, and may deny any other immigration benefits.</p> <p>In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>	<p>prosecution.</p>
<p>Page 3, USCIS Privacy Act Statement</p>	<p>AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this benefit application, and the associated evidence, is collected pursuant to Sections 1182(a)(4), 1183, 1184(a), and 1258 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended <i>INA § 101, et seq.</i></p> <p>PURPOSE: The information you provide will be used principally by USCIS, or by any consular officer to whom it may be furnished, in the processing of Form I-131, <i>Application for Travel Document</i>, to determine whether you have adequate financial means to support the individual for whom parole is requested on form I-131 and that this individual will not become a public charge.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your benefit request.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: The information you provide on this benefit application may be shared with other federal, state, local, and</p>	<p>[Page 5]</p> <p>USCIS Privacy Act Statement</p> <p>AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this affidavit, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), sections 101, 1182(a)(4), 1183, and 1258.</p> <p>PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this affidavit is to show that the applying immigrant has enough financial support to live without concern of becoming reliant on U.S. Government welfare.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision in your case or result in denial of your affidavit.</p> <p>ROUTINE USES: DHS may share the information you provide on this affidavit with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows</p>

	<p>foreign government agencies and authorized organizations in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 - Foreign national File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS), which can be found at www.dhs.gov/privacy]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>	<p>approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records] which you can find at www.dhs.gov/privacy. DHS may also share the information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>
<p>Page 3, Paperwork Reduction Act</p>	<p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 90 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0014. Do not mail your completed Form I-134 to this address.</p>	<p>[Page 6]</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act</p> <p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 90 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the affidavit, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the affidavit. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 20 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20529-2140; OMB No. 1615-0014. Do not mail your completed Form I-134 to this address.</p>