

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative
OMB Number: 1615-0028
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Reason for Revision: Updates are required for Form I-600 due to a Fee Increase.

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| <p>Pages 11-12, What Is the Filing Fee?</p> | <p>[page 11]</p> <p>The filing fee for Form I-600 is \$720 for each petition, unless the children are birth siblings.</p> <p>A biometric services fee of \$85 is required for every petitioner, spouse (if married), and any adult member of the household, unless you filed Form I-600A and you, your spouse, and any adult members of your household are within the 15-month biometric services validity period. For adult persons living abroad, see the Note for Petitioners Residing Abroad below.</p> <p>NOTE: The filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this petition. DO NOT MAIL CASH. You must submit all fees in the exact amount.</p> <p>Note for Petitioners Residing Abroad: You, your spouse (if married), and each adult member of your household MUST provide biometrics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USCIS will inform a person residing abroad if he or she must pay a USCIS biometric services fee. 2. The U.S. Department of State or U.S. military installations abroad may also charge biometric services fees. 3. Contact the nearest USCIS international office, U.S. Embassy, or U.S. Consulate for instructions on fees and the method of payment. <p>NOTE: No fee is required for this petition if you filed Form I-600A, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was approved (or an extension was | <p>[page 11]</p> <p>The filing fee for Form I-600 is \$775 for each petition, unless the children are birth siblings.</p> <p>A biometric services fee of \$85 is required for every petitioner, spouse (if married), and any adult member of the household, unless you filed Form I-600A and you, your spouse, and any adult members of your household are within the 15-month biometric services validity period. For adult persons living abroad, see the Note for Petitioners Residing Abroad below.</p> <p>NOTE: The filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this petition. DO NOT MAIL CASH. You must submit all fees in the exact amount.</p> <p>Note for Petitioners Residing Abroad: You, your spouse (if married), and each adult member of your household MUST provide biometrics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USCIS will inform a person residing abroad if he or she must pay a USCIS biometric services fee. 2. The U.S. Department of State or U.S. military installations abroad may also charge biometric services fees. 3. Contact the nearest USCIS international office, U.S. Embassy, or U.S. Consulate for instructions on fees and the method of payment. <p>NOTE: No fee is required for this petition if you filed Form I-600A, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was approved (or an extension was |

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If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours, and your bank will show it on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If USCIS cannot complete the EFT because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two times.

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How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

The Form I-600 filing fee and biometric services fees listed above are current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change periodically, you can verify that the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:

1. Visit the USCIS Web site at www.uscis.gov, select “FORMS” and check the appropriate fee; or
2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask for fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.
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