

FAMILY IMMIGRATION-THE BASICS

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The World Preference System- what does it mean?

THERE ARE FOUR FAMILY BASED CLASSIFICATIONS

1st preference:
Unmarried
sons/daughters
USC's

2nd preference:
Spouses/minor
children-LPR's
2B:unmarried
children<21

3rd preference:
Married
children-USC's

4th preference:
Brothers and
Sisters of USC's

Who qualifies as Immediate relative?

Immediate Relatives:



- Spouses of USC's->>



- Unmarried children under 21 of USC's>>>>



- Parents of USC's >>



Priority Dates

Priority dates are assigned to each application based on the date that the application was received by the USCIS

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| 2A | 08FEB04 | 08FEB04 | 08FEB04 | 15JUL01 | 08FEB04 |
| 2B | 15JAN00 | 15JAN00 | 15JAN00 | 22APR92 | 15JUN97 |
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