

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

P-2 Central American Minors Affidavit of Relationship (CAMs) Fact Sheet

CAM AOR is the White House directed in-country program to provide a safe, legal and orderly alternative to an otherwise dangerous journey. Applications initiated by an anchor parent with a currently lawfully present status in the U.S. RSC Latin America, managed by IOM and base in Quito, will process cases in the region. If applicants found ineligible for refugee status will be considered for parole one a case-by-case basis.

Who Can File and For Whom?

An anchor Parents, any individual 18 years or older, lawfully present in one of seven categories (Permanent Resident Status, Temporary Protected Status Grantee, Parolle, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Recipient, Deferred Action (non-DACA) Recipient, Deferred Enforced Departure Recipient, Withholding of Removal Grantee) and Minors Nationality must be from the below countries: (Note: Anchor parent or Add-on Parent does not need to be a national from the below countries).

- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras

Eligible individuals can apply for the Qualifying Child (QCH) unmarried and under 21

Children (unmarried and under 21) of Qualifying child as Type “B” relative

Add-on Parent, anchor’s spouses as Type “C” relative and must meet all three add on criteria:

(Husband/wife; is part of the same household and economic unit as the QCH ; He/she is legally married to the anchor at the time the anchor apply this program; He/she must have continue to be legally married to the anchor) and The parent would have to establish an independent refugee claim

How Can You File?

CAM AOR (DS-7699) must be filed through local a resettlement agency and then email the PDF to the resettlement agency Headquarter. There is no cost to file.

What information will I need?

Information may include:

- Accurate and complete names of relatives
- Family relationships
- Dates of birth and marriage
- Correct overseas address (with Postal Zone)
- All dates must be match in CAM AOR
- Proof of your immigration status front and back copy
- Birth, Marriage, Adoption certificates; other official documents must be translated in English
- Passport-style photograph for each family member (frontal face with hairline and ears must be visible)
- Each QCH must be listed on a separate page in Section II A, Section II B, etc.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

Do I need to complete a DNA test? And how do I get one?

For certain relationships, you will be asked to submit a DNA sample. You will need to cover the cost of the test. If the test confirms **all** of your relationships, the US Government will reimburse the fees. Any accredited AABB lab can perform the test. Please ask your resettlement agency for a list of labs or for assistance. A positive DNA match will not guarantee that your family will be approved for resettlement.

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Is there a minimum age for a QCH to eligible to apply CAM AOR?

No. However, a parent, guardian, or trusted adult may be present to provide testimony for a child who is unable to speak for him/herself.

How will the qualifying parent sign the CAM-AOR if the form is submitted electronically?

Electronic signature is accepted for submission of the CAM-AOR. However, the RA affiliate will also keep a hard copy of the CAM-AOR from with the anchor's signature. A new hard copy of the CAM-AOR must be printed and signed if any changes are mad to the CAM-AOR.

How much will the DNA test cost?

The lab fees will vary by lab and state. Please talk to your resettlement agency for a list and estimate on cost

What is the policy for reimbursement?

All of your relationships must be positive in order for you to be reimbursed. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) will reimburse you once it has confirmation that **all** tests are positive. You will be reimbursed regardless of your case's outcome. **Positive results do not guarantee resettlement.**

What if I can't afford DNA kits for my entire family? Can I send them separately?

Once you receive a letter that lists the family members who must be tested, **all** DNA kits must be purchased at the same time and each applicant must be ready to test at the **same** time. Please speak to your resettlement agency with any concerns.

How long are DNA results valid?

Indefinitely.

Where will my family go to get tested?

The RSC overseas will inform your family of the date and location of the DNA testing.

Where will my results be sent? And who will see them?

Results will be sent directly to you and to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC). Representatives from USCIS, the State Department (PRM) and the RSC will be able to review your results.

Will there be an RFR process for negative DNA?

The qualifying parent may submit a second round of DNA tests at his/her own expense. The anchor or the applicants overseas should consult with the resettlement agency and RSC to ensure that the correct procedures are followed for DNA collection. PRM will not accept DNA results that are not submitted through this procedure.

Penalties for False Information

The goal of an CAM AOR is to reunite families; however, it is important that your family comes to the US honestly and legally. Because the new CAM AOR is now a government document, anchors are subject to federal laws on fraud and misrepresentation and can be prosecuted. It is important that you and your family understand that information on the new CAM AOR can be used for government purposes, including determining who may apply for US resettlement. CAM AOR will become **a permanent part of your immigration record.** False information on your AOR can affect the following:

Future Family Petitions

- Denial of future immigration petitions for family members

Your Immigration Status

- Ineligible for US Citizenship or permanent residency (Green Card)
- Removal proceedings for deportation from the US

Fines and Jail Time

- Up to 5 years in prison
- Fines up to \$250,000