

# Parents

In order to petition a parent under the immediate relative category, the U.S. citizen petitioner must be at least 21 years old. "Parent" means a parent who is such by reason of his or her relationship to a "child" within the statutory definition of the term.

However, the "child" must have qualified as such within the statutory definition at the time their relationship was established and the parent-child relationship must continue to exist at the time that the immigration benefit is sought.