



ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation is required if processing under specific visa symbols or for all applicants, please review this information carefully and acquire if needed for your visa interview.

Guatemalan Court Records: All applicants over the age of 18 are required to submit “**penales**” to prove there are no prior convictions. Application should be made to the Supreme Court by the alien. Request should include the name and number of the court pronouncing judgment.

Petitioner Birth Certificates: All IR5 and F4 applicants **must acquire** the birth certificate of the petitioner in order to confirm the relationship between the petitioner and applicant.

IR2 stepchild cases: For IR2 applicants who are being petitioned for by step-parents, the marriage certificate between the applicant's biological parent and the petitioning step-parent **must be presented** at the time of interview.

Petitioner Divorce decrees: IR1 and F21 applicants must present both their and their petitioning spouse's original divorce papers to show that prior marriages were dissolved.

Police/Court Record Reminder: The Guatemalan police and court certificates expire after 6 months after issue. IF your document has or will be expired at the time of interview, a new record needs to be acquired and submitted at the time of interview.

Children under 14 years old: Children under 14 years of age will need a signed letter of authorization to travel from each parent unless the parent is the petitioner.

Note: Failure to acquire and present any of the above information if it applies to your case can result in a delay of the processing of your immigrant visa.