

Ways of handling and table explanation

1. As a rule, if a family unification application is filed for the father or mother and the children are included in the same application, the application is examined as a whole.
2. The examination procedure until a response is given usually takes half-a-year from the application submission date, and provided all relevant documents are attached to application and the applicant is cooperative. There are cases where there is need to conduct examinations for longer than half-a-year (according to the circumstances, such as the minor's age upon the application submission, whether the minor was born in Israel, the need to receive entities' positions, and the inquiries this entails and so on). The stated in this section does not amount to a Ministry of Interior undertaking to make a decision on an application within a certain period of time.
3. Upon submission of the application, the application for the sponsored parent and children over age 14 should be transferred for receipt of entities' positions (ISA, Police).
4. In appropriate cases, the Ministry of Interior is authorized to conduct various inquiries and among other thing, contact the National Insurance Institute.
5. As a rule, upon submission of an application, a separate application to grant status may be submitted for children both over age 14 and under age 14. Grant of status to children under age 14 (at the time the application is submitted), will not be conditional on entities' examination of the foreign parent, whether an application was filed for him or not, subject to the fulfillment of the other conditions for approving the application under the prevailing procedure.
6. Insofar as a single application is submitted for the spouse and the children and there is an objection concerning the parent and/or one of the children over age 14 (at the time the application is filed) – a refusal letter should be issued stating that the family unification application for the sponsored and/or relevant child is refused on security or criminal grounds, and adding that if the applicants wish to continue the processing for the other family members, they must apply to the bureau within 45 days, and inform the bureau about it (without paying a new fee). The application will be processed according to the procedures from the point in which handling was stopped.
7. In the case of a minor registered in the Area, or living in the Area though not registered in the Area's population registry, and excluding a resident of an Israeli settlement in the Area, and [provided] the minor is under age 14 (the minor's age will be examined given

his age at the time of applying to submit the application), if in the examination, center of life in Israel is found, the minor will receive A/5 for two years and then permanent [licence].

8. If the minor has passed age 14 while still in the A/5 status, he will remain in this status and not upgraded.
9. [In the case of] A minor registered in the Area, or living in the Area though not registered in the Area's population registry, and excluding a resident of an Israeli settlement in the Area, and [provided] the minor is over age 14 (and until age 18 – the minor's age will be examined given his age at the time of applying to submit the application), if in the examination, center of life in Israel is found, the minor will receive a DCO permit only, subject to a review of the entities' position, and will not be upgraded.
10. The status will not be extended if the minor does not live in Israel on a regular basis.
11. A minor who received a DCO permit or temporary status type A/5 and has reached age 18, subject to the submission of status extension applications, will remain in his status after age 18. The current status will not be upgraded and will be extended subject to the Law's stipulations, the Ministry of Interior procedures and, among other things, the entities' positions and the examination of center of life.
12. "Center of Life in Israel": of the Israeli resident parent and the child for the past two years.
13. The parent submitting the application must be told (in Arabic if necessary) that three months before the end of the two years, documents and proof of center of life in Israel must be submitted for examination, before receiving the permanent licence (the fee was paid at the beginning of the process).
14. To clarify, there is a difference between the processing of an application for receiving status under Regulation 12 and the processing of an application for receiving status for a minor not born in Israel (family unification).