



*Embassy of the United States of America
Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.*

Visa Instructions for Fiancé (e) Visa Applicants

Dear Madame/Sir:

The American Embassy has received a petition entitling you to "K-1" fiancée visa classification as an alien proceeding to the United States to marry an American citizen. To prepare for your interview appointment with a Consular Officer, please read and follow carefully the instructions below.

FIRST: Obtain the following documents:

- 1. **PASSPORT:** If you already have a passport, make certain it is valid for at least six months beyond the date of your visa interview. Children should have their own passports.
- 2. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** The photograph must be less than six months old, 50 x 50mm in size, showing full front-face view, no head covering, against a light background. This photo is required to be uploaded to DS-160, online form
- 3. **BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** One birth certificate for yourself and each child under the age 21. Birth certificates must be presented for each child under the age 21 even if they are not applying for a visa. Please also present an English translation of each birth certificate. Please Ensure that your Lao Birth Certificate has a registration number in the upper right hand corner and is signed and stamped by BOTH the Village Chief and District official (or Family registration officer if any).
- 4. **HOUSEHOLD REGISTRY BOOK and LAO IDENTIFICATION CARD:** Bring your Household Registry Book and ID card and one photocopy of each to the interview.
- 5. **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE and DIVORCE/DEATH CERTIFICATE.** If you were married previously, obtain one certified copy of the final divorce certificate or death certificate to prove the dissolution of each of such prior marriage.
- 6. **EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** You must prove that you and any children who will accompany you are not likely to become a public charge while in the United States.

Most applicants should submit an Affidavit of Support (Form I-134) signed by the petitioner with supporting financial evidence.

- a. Original Affidavit of Support (form I-134), signed by the petitioner.
 - b. Most recent Federal tax return (Form 1040 and W-2)
 - c. A letter from his or her place of employment stating the rate of compensation; the location, type, and duration (whether seasonal, temporary, or indefinite) of the employment; and year-to-date salary.
 - d. Pay slip showing year-to-date salary
 - e. Recent bank statements.
- 7. **EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP:** You will be asked to submit proof of a valid fiancé/fiancée relationship with the petitioner. It is useful to bring with you letters, photographs, e-mails, phone records, wire transfer receipts, or other evidence of your relationship. Please do not submit used phone cards.
 - 8. **POLICE CERTIFICATE.** Each applicant aged 16 years or over is required to submit a police certificate (Punishment Record) from the police authorities of each locality where the applicant has lived for at least six months since reaching the age of sixteen except for the United States. Please also present an English translation of each police certificate. If you have not committed and / punishable offences this should be clearly stated on the police certificate.

If you have lived in any countries other than Laos, the Consular staff can advise you on how to obtain a police certificate from those countries.

Police Certificates must be no more than 6 months old.

- 9. **COURT AND PRISON RECORDS:** If you have been convicted of a crime or other offense, you must obtain a certified court record and any prison record covering each offense.

Only one copy of each document is required. However, you are advised to obtain and keep a duplicate copy of each document for your records.

SECOND: Have your required medical examination

- 10. **MEDICAL EXAMINATION:** Each applicant must have a medical examination at either the Australian Embassy Clinic in Vientiane or the North Eastern Wattana Hospital in Udorn, Thailand. The forms and further information for

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the medical examination are enclosed. The applicant must pay for the medical examination and any additional necessary medical procedures.

- 11. **VACCINATIONS:** It is required by law that each person going to live in the United States be vaccinated against several diseases. If you did not previously receive these vaccinations, the doctor will provide them to you and will give you a record showing that you received the vaccinations. This is a very important document that you will need in the United States.

THIRD: Complete the electronic **DS-160** visa application form online. Use this link <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>. Please pay special attention to these areas:

- To use the electronic visa application form, your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and you should use either an ink-jet or laser printer to print the completed application form. If you are using Windows Internet Explorer, the minimum version that will work with this site is version 5.0, with service pack 2. If you are using Netscape, the minimum version that will work with this site is version 6.2. You must also have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer in order to download and print the completed application form. The minimum version that will work with this site is version 5. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, you may download a copy from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>
- Complete the form, print the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160)
- Press "PRINT CONFIRMATION", and print the DS-160 confirmation page with a barcode.

12. **DS-160** Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application.

13. **DS-160** confirmation page.

If your children will apply with you, **DS-160** visa application form must be completed for each child. Also, bring the evidence that the child is your biological child – photos of you with your child at different age, etc...

FOURTH: As soon as you have obtained all of the documents, carefully read the statement below, sign and date it, and return your documents with this checklist to the Consular Section any Monday or Wednesday afternoon 13:00 to 15:00 so that we may schedule you for a visa interview. You should bring all the required forms listed above with you to the interview. Failure to do so will delay the processing of your petition.

Sincerely,

Consul of the United States of America

I hereby certify that I have collected all of the items applicable to my case as indicated above. I hereby request that an appointment be granted me at the earliest possible date for an interview with a consular officer. I fully realize that no assurance can be given that a fiancé (e) visa will be issued to me until after I am interviewed by a Consular Officer and that it is my responsibility to demonstrate that I am qualified for the visa.

At the time of my interview, I intend to apply

- 14. Alone
- 15. Together with the following children: (Print the names of each child who will accompany you.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Print your name

Signature

Mailing Address

Date

Telephone number

E-mail address