



*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:** Two photographs are required. The photographs must be less than six months old, 50 x 50mm in size, showing full front-face view, no head covering, against a light background.
- 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, District official, and, if required by the Birth Certificate form, a Provincial official.
- 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.

Lao Family Law requires that Divorce Certificates be issued by the Courts. If you were married before and have a Divorce Certificate from the village chief you are legally still married and should obtain a Divorce Certificate from the Court.

- 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. The enclosed information sheet, Form DS-2000, lists evidence which may be presented to meet this requirement of the law.

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.

The Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs requires an Affidavit of Support before they will issue an Exit Visa to the USA. The petitioner should send an extra copy of the Affidavit of Support (form I-134) for you to give the MFA. You must give the original form I-134 to the Embassy.

- 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.

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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 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:** Fill out all of the following forms. Answers to all questions should be written in English. All questions must be answered. If the answer is none, write "NONE"; **Do not** write "N/A" or "Not Applicable."

- 12. DS-156 Nonimmigrant Visa Application
- 13. DS-156/Lao Nonimmigrant Visa Application
- 14. DS-156K Nonimmigrant fiancé(e) Visa Application
- 15. DS-156K/Lao Nonimmigrant fiancé(e) Visa Application
- 16. DS-230 Part I (Immigrant Visa Application Biographic Data).

If your children will apply with you, one copy of Form DS-156, DS-156/Lao, and DS-230 Part I 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 this checklist to the Consular Section so that we may schedule you for a visa interview. You should bring all the forms listed above with you to the interview.

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

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

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