



**Transcript for the April 26, 2012, Webchat
Immigrant Visas**

Q: Good afternoon. Question regarding establishing domicile. USC never resided in US. Has US business, is registered to vote in US, naturalised children, up to date with US tax returns, has moving quote, has US bank account and has setup Roth IRA, and has permanent US mailing address (POBOX), and claims US domicile when filing UK tax returns. Is this enough to satisfy requirements of establishment of domicile? What should be put as place of domicile on the I-864? US (intended) or UK (because technically not yet moved)

A: If the individual is taking steps to establish a residence in the United States they can state their place of domicile as the United States on Form I-864. On the day of the visa interview, the applicant should be prepared to demonstrate to the consular officer that the petitioner has taken steps to establish residence in the U.S. More information can be found on our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/faq_i864_domicile.html

Q: Hi, my father has been denied a visa under 221g

A: We regret that we cannot answer case-specific inquiries in this forum. If you require further assistance, please contact our Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min, plus network extras).

Q: Please confirm how long it takes the embassy to contact beneficiaries of the approval notice for a K visa?

A: Once a fiance(é) visa petition is approved, the case file is passed to the Immigrant Visa Unit. When they have received and processed the file, the applicant is contacted in writing with further instructions on how to proceed with the application process. There is no set period of time that it may take.

Q: Hi I am a US citizen and have lived and work in the US for 20 years. I now live in the UK and want to move back to the us with my Scottish wife and 3 year old daughter. Is it true that I only need to fill in an I 130 for my wife? Also, will we need an affidavit of support as we want to move at the same time? And if we do require this when will we know? Who has to attend the interview? Is there a new fee for the I130 and is there a new form? How long once we have been approved do we have to move?

A: If your daughter is a U.S. citizen, she will not require an immigrant visa. If you have not yet determined if your daughter has a claim to U.S. citizenship, please visit our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/passports/robirth4.html for details.

For information regarding immigrant visas, see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> The first step is for you to file a petition in your wife's name with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Please contact them directly if you have questions about filing a petition. If a petition is approved, the applicant receives detailed instructions about the immigrant visa application process.



Q: Good afternoon. My previous B2 Visa was given in my country for 5 years, now I will apply in UK. If my application is successful, will the time be the same?

A: This web chat is for immigrant visa questions. Please check back for future web chats addressing non-immigrant visa questions. In the meantime, see our website <http://london.usembassy.gov/nonimmigrant-visas.html> or call the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras.

Q: I have an I-140 authorization (Nov 2011) and now wish to proceed with what I have been told is a Consulate Procedure to obtain a visa for entry to get my Green Card. What forms should I use to follow this route for permanent entry to the USA?

A: You should note that American law limits the number of employment-based immigrant visas that can be issued each year. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of visas that are available in a given year, visa numbers (without which visas may not be issued) are allocated to applicants strictly in accordance with their chronological order of registration on the worldwide waiting list for their particular preference category. If this applies, an approved petition will be held by the National Visa Center until such time as a visa number becomes available. We are unable to predict when this may be.

Q: For DV lottery visa, what qualifier a person financially to be sponsor of a family of four? How much money he has to have in his account? And also do he has to fill form I-134 for each member of family separately?

A: Diversity Visa applicants are required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the adjudicating consular officer that they are not likely to become a public charge in the United States. There is no set financial amount required, nor is there a set format that the evidence must take. However, Form I-134 is one way of providing information efficiently.

Q: My British husband and I moved to the UK from the US about five years ago. Because we wanted to make sure we followed the laws, he has abandoned his green card. We are now looking to return to the US, can you confirm that we do need to start the process over again? Additionally, we are having a hard time finding his A-number, is there someone we can contact to get that information again?

A: If your husband wishes to reside in the United States indefinitely or permanently, he will be required to apply for a new immigrant visa. Please see <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for more information.

Q: Can the I130 be sent to London and what is the address? How long between the medical and the interview?

A: Whether a petition can be filed with USCIS in London depends on the visa classification and residence of the American citizen; please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for information. Detailed instructions about applying for a visa will be provided to the applicant if the petition is approved.



Q: I've previously lived in the US for approximately 15 years with a full Green Card - returned to live in the UK 4 years ago, abandoned by Green Card through the official process. I currently have a B1 as I need to travel to the US for my job. I'll be relocating with my husband (US citizen) this year due to his job change. I've submitted the petition paperwork to start the process to get a Green Card again. Should I expect my situation to significantly longer, or possibly even shorter, to process - as I've already been through it, etc? Or does that have no impact at all?

A: There is no set period of time that processing may take. You may check on the status of a pending petition by visiting the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov or, if the petition is being processed by USCIS in London, at <http://london.usembassy.gov/dhs/uscis/i130filing.html>

Q: My father has become an American citizen after claiming his residence 8 years ago. I'm 19 years old and was wondering about how i go about gaining my citizenship into the US via his status? also i would like to enquire about the duration of time if accepted for the visa, of how long i am able to stay in the UK before i have to complete the move across?

A: Your father cannot transmit citizenship to you, but can file an immigrant visa petition for you as an immediate relative of a U.S. citizen. Please either see the information on our website <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/immediate-relatives.html> or call the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras

Q: My husband's visa process has been put on additional administrative processing, maximum how long it could take as there has been no additional information/documents that have been asked for?

A: We regret that there is no set period of time that additional administrative processing may take, as processing varies in each case. Any times quoted should be used only as a guide.

Q: Where can I find the contact number for the operator assisted information service if in the USA?

A: Callers from within the United States should dial 1-866-382-3589. Callers are charged a fixed rate of \$16.00 which is payable by credit card - Visa, MasterCard, American Express only. Please ensure that you have your credit card details available when making the call and note that you will be required to provide the agent with a U.K. address when scheduling the appointment.

Q: Hi, I formerly lived in Israel, and the Israeli Embassy in London is obtaining a police report for me (for IR-1 visa), however they will not forward it to me direct, they will only forward it to a NAMED contact at the US Consulate in London. To whom should it be addressed?

A: Please contact the Operator Assisted Information Service (09042-450-100, £1.23/min plus network extras) to pursue your inquiry.

Q: Hi I am in the British Army and wondering if this would be a good enough skill to immigrate to America as I wish to join the U.S Army when I move?



A: Please review our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for a full list of immigrant visa classifications. You may wish to note that employment-based immigrant visas are generally based on a specific job offer. All applicants for enlistment in the Armed Forces in the U.S. must be either a U.S. citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident. Consequently, an immigrant visa will not be issued on the basis of intention to enlist.

Q: My fiancé also lives in the US and i would like to move out there. How do i obtain the correct documentation and what do i have to do exactly?

A: The appropriate visa for your circumstances depends on whether you wish to marry before or after relocating to the United States. We recommend that you review our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/marriage-to-a-u.s.-citizen.html> for more information.

Q: Good afternoon , i applied for a K-1 visa. i had my interview in the start of march. after the interview i was told that some administrative processing is required and it will take time. Now i have changed my address and its getting very hard to keep track of the Case. what i found out from the information service is that US Embassy does not provide any information. Is there an easy way for keeping track of my case with calling or emailing the consular office every week.

A: Additional administrative processing varies in each case, therefore there is no set period of time that it may take. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have notified the Immigrant Visa Unit of your change of address.

Q: Hello, I would like to know what's the set amount of time administrative processing takes for the fiancé visa. It has been almost 2 months since my fiancé's interview took place in the UK and he has been waiting for someone to contact him. I would like to know how he will be contacted through a letter/phone call/email? I also believe there is a way to check the case status online as I provided his batch # for the case and nothing came up. How would I go about finding out the status of our case then? Is there any way to speed up the processing of our case?

A: The online case status report is not relevant to fianc(e) or immigrant visa applications. Additional administrative processing cannot be expedited, and there is no set period of time that it will take. Please continue to be patient; your fiancé will be notified once processing of his application has been completed.

Q: I am originally from Russia but I have Indefinite live to remain in the UK can I get green card USA ? Thank you

A: The first step is to file a petition with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). If you have an inquiry about filing a petition, contact details can be found on their website at www.uscis.gov

Q: How do I apply for a k-1 visa and where can i get information about this visa?

A: You can get more information on our website <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/fiance.html> or call the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042-450-100. Calls to this line are charged at £1.23/min plus network extras.



Q: Can my husband legally apply for a UK visa extension while his USA visa process has been put into additional processing?

A: We regret that we are unable to assist with your inquiry as requests to remain in the United Kingdom are a matter for the U.K., not the U.S. government.

Q: I've heard that the visa fees have gone down since I paid. Can I get the difference back? Plus I already had to pay a fee before, why did I have to pay it again?

A: The fees for all immigrant and fiancé(e) visa applications were reduced as of April 13, 2012. Details can be found on our blog at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk/visaservices/?p=2846>. The new lower rates only apply to fees paid on or after April 13, 2012. If you paid before April 13, we regret that no refund can be given, even if your interview takes place after April 13. Please be aware that these fees are in addition to any fees paid to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process a petition.

Q: I'm hoping my fiancé visa petition will be approved soon. I'd like to get married in the summer. Can I start booking things now?

A: There is no set period of time that processing may take. In addition, appointments for visa interviews will be extremely limited in the summer. For these reasons, we strongly recommend that individuals do not resign from employment, sell property or make final wedding or travel plans unless they are in receipt of their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: I have my immigrant visa interview date from the National Visa Center. Is there anything else I need to do to prepare?

A: The Immigrant Visa Unit must have received your medical report in time for your appointment. Bear in mind that the medical examination can only be performed by the Embassy's panel physician in London, and it can take approximately five working days for the Immigrant Visa Unit to receive a medical report from them. On the day of your interview, you will be required to bring your passport, 3 photographs meeting the State Department's requirements, and any required documents listed at http://london.usembassy.gov/application_documents.html that were not previously submitted to the National Visa Center (NVC).

Q: I have submitted my forms to the Embassy 2 months ago, why haven't received my interview date from them?

A: If your application is being processed by the Embassy rather than by NVC, then the Immigrant Visa Unit must be in receipt of your medical report from the Embassy's panel physician in London before an interview date will be scheduled for you. The medical examination can only be undertaken by the Embassy's panel physician in London. Please see <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/medical-examination.html> for more information.