



## Embassy of the United States of America Manila, Philippines

### Dear K1/K2 Visa Applicant:

An approved I-129F visa petition has been received by the Embassy from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) according you status as a fiancé(e) under the provisions of Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended. You may now schedule a visa interview appointment. You must pay the K visa application fee before you can schedule your appointment.

The application fee for a K1 or K2 nonimmigrant visa is US \$265, payable only in Philippine pesos at the prevailing exchange rate. There are three ways to pay the K visa application fee: cash payment at any Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) branch; online payment provided by BPI to their clients; or online payment via Bancnet.

All K visa applicants must present a U.S. visa application deposit slip to pay the K visa fee. Print the applicable visa application deposit slip, downloadable from the online appointment website at <http://ustraveldocs.com/ph/ph-niv-paymentinfo.asp>, and take it to the bank to pay the fee. For K1/K2 visa payment instructions, visit our website at <https://ph.usembassy.gov/visas/immigrant-visas/>. The visa fee is non-transferrable and is valid for one year.

After paying your visa application fee, schedule your visa interview appointment by visiting the U.S. Embassy's Visa Information and Appointment Service online at <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph> or calling (632) 976-8500, (632) 976-8501 or (632) 976-8502. This service is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., except on Philippine and U.S. holidays. Callers may speak with an English-, Tagalog-, Ilocano-, or Cebuano-speaking operator. Applicants, agents or petitioners calling from the United States may also use this service by calling (703) 520-2235.

Please review application instructions at <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/immigrate/family/fiance-k-1.html> and complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160) at <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/>.

You must bring the following documentation when you come to the Embassy for your interview:

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.** You must submit ALL ORIGINAL civil documents to facilitate your application. You may be asked to return for another appointment if you fail to bring any of these documents:

- ONLINE NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION (DS-160) CONFIRMATION PAGE.** You must print the DS-160 Confirmation Page that contains the barcode information and bring it to your interview.
- PASSPORT.** Must be valid for at least six (6) months. You may set a passport appointment at [www.passport.com.ph](http://www.passport.com.ph) or by calling (02) 737-1000. The Department of Foreign Affairs website is <http://www.dfa.gov.ph>.
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** Must be issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), formerly NSO, on security paper (not from the Local Civil Registry Office). If applicable, also submit PSA birth certificates for all your children, even if they do not apply for a visa. You may call PSA's Information Center at (632) 737-1111 to ask about securing a birth certificate or visit <http://www.census.gov.ph>. If the PSA does not have a copy of the birth certificate, you must obtain a statement about its unavailability from the PSA and obtain a certified original copy (not an extract) of the certificate from the local registrar in the town where you were born.

- **POLICE REPORT (NBI Clearance).** Applicants aged 16 years and older must have a valid Record Clearance (for travel abroad purposes) from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). Clearances should be in the applicant's current name, birth certificate name, maiden name and any aliases or nicknames used, including different spellings you have used of those names. An official letter of explanation from the NBI is required for any notation of "No criminal record" or "No pending case". For immigration purposes, an NBI clearance is valid for one (1) year after its issuance date. NBI's website is <http://www.nbi.gov.ph>.
  
- a) **OTHER COUNTRY POLICE CERTIFICATES.** Applicants aged 16 years and older must also present police certificates from other countries where they have lived for six (6) months or more after reaching age 16. As with NBI clearances, foreign police certificates should be obtained in any maiden names, aliases or nicknames used while in the country in question, including different spellings you have used of those names. Country-specific information on how to secure police certificates is available on the State Department's website at <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/fees/reciprocity-by-country.html>.
  
- b) **COURT AND PRISON RECORDS.** Applicants who have been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime must present copies or transcripts of court or prison records relating to the crime or offense.
  
- c) **MILITARY OR POLICE SERVICE RECORDS:** Applicants who served in the military or police should present certified copies of their military or police service records.
  
- **EVIDENCE OF A GENUINE ENGAGEMENT.** You must prove to the consular officer that you have a genuine relationship with your petitioner and a clear intention to marry within 90 days of admission into the United States. In the past, successful applicants have submitted photographs, letters, e-mails, phone records, bank records, and remittance records as evidence supporting their relationships and intent to marry.
  
- **PROOF OF TERMINATION OF A PRIOR MARRIAGE.** If applicable, you must submit official documents (divorce decree, annulment decree or death certificate, etc.) that prove all prior marriages contracted by you and the petitioner have been legally terminated prior to the filing of the petition.
  
- **CERTIFICATE OF NO MARRIAGE RECORD (CENOMAR).** You must also submit a CENOMAR issued by the PSA and printed on PSA security paper if you have never contracted a marriage or as deemed necessary by a consular officer. You may call the PSA Information Center at (632) 737-1111 to inquire about obtaining a CENOMAR or visit their website at <http://www.census.gov.ph>.
  
- **EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT.** You should be able to demonstrate that you will not become a public charge or burden on the U.S. taxpayers for financial support. A completed I-134 Affidavit of Support Form may be useful to the consular officer to evaluate your petitioner's ability to be financially responsible for you. You may also be asked to submit your petitioner's most recent U.S. Federal income tax return (Form 1040) and wage statements (Form W-2). Employment letters stating salaries and bank statements may be included to substantiate the I-134. Download Form I-134 at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.
  
- **VISA PHOTOGRAPHS.** You must bring three (3) color photographs; two for the visa and one for the medical report. Make sure that the photographs comply with specifications listed at <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/photos.html>.
  
- **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) DOCUMENTS:** If you have applied for any benefit, such as a change of status, adjustment of status, or asylum, before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), or have been the subject of any enforcement proceedings, such as deportation or removal proceedings, please bring all related documents with you to the interview.

- **MEDICAL EXAMINATION.** All K1 and K2 visa applicants must bring a medical examination report from St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic. Medical examination instructions can be found at [www.slec.ph](http://www.slec.ph).

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Come To The Embassy On Your Appointed Interview Date.

- If you are eligible for a K1 or K2 visa, your passport with the approved visa will be delivered to your designated delivery address at no additional cost. The Embassy uses a guaranteed courier service to handle visa deliveries. 2GO commercial courier is the Embassy's authorized courier service provider for visas. Delivery should be within two weeks from your visa issuance. Applicants also have the option to pick up visas at any 2GO branch.
- If we have questions about your application, we will send a letter asking you to submit additional documents, or to return to the Embassy for another interview. No Embassy representative is authorized to tell you that a visa has been approved until a consular officer authorizes printing of the visa.
- For the safety and security of all applicants and employees, visa applicants cannot bring cell phones or other electronic devices into the U.S. Embassy. Applicants who bring such devices are denied entry. Please arrange to leave electronic equipment in a safe location off Embassy grounds during your interview appointment.
- We strive to return documents that you submitted and asked us to return, but do not give us anything that cannot be replaced. Make copies of important documents and submit copies with the originals you want returned to you.
- A K1/K2 visa is NOT an immigrant visa, nor a permanent resident card (green card); it is a nonimmigrant visa permitting travel to the United States to marry your petitioner within 90 days of entry. Once married, you must apply with USCIS to adjust status as a legal permanent resident (LPR). Travel outside the United States while adjustment of status is pending may have severe consequences. Contact USCIS before traveling, even for an emergency, to see if you need a travel document to re-enter the United States. A K1/K2 is a single-entry visa. Once you enter U.S. territory, e.g., Guam, you cannot re-enter the United States on the same visa if your onward flight transits a third country.
- Minor children identified on the approved I-129F petition may follow to join their petitioned parent. However, such follow-to-join K2 visas can only be issued within one year from the time the parent was issued a K1 visa. After one (1) year, they no longer derive immigration benefits from the I-129F petition and you or your spouse must file an immediate relative or second preference petition for them to qualify again.
- If you have one or more children not listed on the visa petition, **or** a current pregnancy, **or** a prior undisclosed marriage even if it is now terminated, **or** currently have a contagious disease of public health significance, be prepared to present a notarized letter from the petitioner stating he/she knows the discrepancies between facts stated on the petition and your actual personal circumstances, and still wishes to proceed with marriage.
- Do not finalize arrangements for travel to the United States, dispose of property, or resign from your job until a visa has been issued and delivered to you. Generally, a single-entry fiancé(e) (K1) nonimmigrant visa is valid for six months from the date of issuance, unless its validity is limited by medical or other restrictions.



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FIANCE(E) DERIVATIVE (K2) APPLICANTS**

A fiance(e) derivative (K2) applicant must apply and be issued a visa (if qualified) within one (1) year from the date the fiance(e) (K1) visa was issued. Therefore, we strongly urge K2 applicants to apply for a visa as soon as possible, potentially as early as four months after K1 issuance, and note the following average timelines:

<b>Process / Requirement:</b>	<b>Duration / Time of Completion:</b>
<b>Regular Medical Examination</b> at St. Luke's Extension Clinic. Applicant should complete the exam before the visa interview.	May take one (1) to two (2) business days to complete
<b>Additional Medical Examination</b> (i.e., sputum test and culture for tuberculosis) if deemed necessary by St. Luke's Extension Clinic. Applicant should complete the exam and obtain clearance from St. Luke's before a visa interview can be scheduled.	Three (3) days for sputum test;  Results are released eight (8) weeks after sputum test is performed
<b>Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)</b> If found positive for tuberculosis by St. Luke's Extension Clinic. Applicant should complete the DOT and obtain clearance from St. Luke's before a visa interview can be scheduled.	Minimum of six (6) months
<b>Embassy Technical Requirements for Visa Issuance</b>	May take one (1) to three (3) business days to complete.

## **WARNING**

**VISA FRAUD IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE. ATTEMPTS TO MISREPRESENT A MATERIAL FACT OR MISLEAD A CONSULAR OFFICER MAY JEOPARDIZE CURRENT AND FUTURE VISA APPLICATIONS.**

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