

CHECKLIST TO CLIENT FOR MARRIAGE CASES

Please submit the following documents to this office as soon as possible. Although you will be required to provide originals at some point, please send us copies for now, including both sides of documents if there are stamps, ribbons, or other notations. Submit as many items below as possible:

IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

- Photographs—both spouses (instructions attached)
 - **Two (2)** Passport size photograph of USC/LPR Spouse
 - **Eight (8)** Passport size photograph of foreign Spouse
- Applicant entry documents (passport (all pages), I-94, I-20s, IAP-66/DS2019, etc.)
- Certified copy of beneficiary's birth certificate with certified English translation

QUALIFYING RELATIONSHIP DOCUMENTS

- Original petitioner's naturalization certificate, U.S. passport or certified copy of birth certificate if born in the United States, or green card (Form I-551).
- Certified copy of marriage certificate with certified English translation
- Certified copy of divorce orders or death certificates with certified English translation—re: prior marriages of either spouse



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AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

- Petitioner's financial information for Affidavit(s) of Support (see attached) Petitioner's most recent pay stub
- Tax returns—last three years (individual and/or joint returns for both spouses). Include W-2s, 1099s and all schedules
- Tax transcript for the last three years (from IRS local office print out)
- Petitioner's employment verification letter. See sample attached.
- Beneficiary's employment verification letter, if applicable. (Consult with attorney.)
- Asset documents, if eligibility based on assets v. income (property, investments, proof of ownership and fair market value.)

EVIDENCE OF BONA FIDE MARRIAGE

- Wedding pictures, photos of the couple with family/friends, family photos (please label as to date, location, and names of individuals in the photographs)
- Bank accounts, property registered in both names
- Insurance policies (medical, life, auto, etc.) with both names
- Letters from family regarding knowledge of marriage (include envelopes with postmarks)
- Lease or mortgage showing joint signatures/tenants
- Receipts for items purchased together (e.g., furniture)
- Affidavits from friends, relatives, business people with knowledge of bona fides of marriage

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- Certified copies of children's birth certificates if born in the United States; also, required if a minor child will be immigrating through the petitioner. Include translations.
- Cards written to/from petitioner and spouse (e.g., holiday, birthday, anniversary)
- Miscellaneous: anything else regarding bona fide marriage

MEDICAL EXAMINATION DOCUMENTS

- Medical examination*—applicant only (form and list of doctors attached)
 - Immunization history to take to civil surgeon (information attached)
- ** You will be asked about your vaccination history. If available, bring immunization records to your appointment.

The applicant for an immigrant visa or adjustment of status based on a marriage to a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident has the burden of proving the bona fides (good faith) of the marriage.

Although not every item above is required, the more you have, the better, to overcome any presumption of fraud for marriages less than two years old.