

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

K-1 fiancé(e) process: petition, visa, marriage and adjustment

How does a K-1 fiancé(e) journey differ from a spouse immigrant visa?

The Department of State describes K-1 as a nonimmigrant visa for a foreign fiancé(e) of a U.S. citizen to travel for the intended marriage. It separates the petition, visa, marriage and later adjustment stages. A K-1 visa is not itself permanent residence.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Establish the documented relationship at the time of the inquiry.
- ☐ Preserve relevant events without turning plans into completed facts.
- ☐ Distinguish intended marriage or travel from events already recorded.
- ☐ Identify whether the research concerns a petition or consular visa stage.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

Department of State: K-1 fiancé(e) visa: petition, marriage and adjustment stages

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/family-immigration/nonimmigrant-visa-for-a-fiance-k-1.html>

USCIS: Form I-129F: fiancé petition and the later visa process

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-129f>

U.S. Department of State: Family immigration: categories and agency roles

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/family-immigration.html>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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