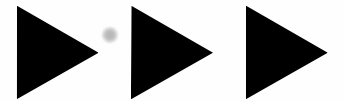




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K-1 vs CR-1

Fiancé vs Spouse Visa – Which is
Right for You?



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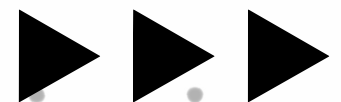
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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

1 K-1 (Fiancé Visa): For couples not yet married - foreign fiancé travels to the U.S. to marry within 90 days.

2 CR-1 (Spouse Visa): For already married couples - spouse enters as a U.S. permanent resident.

Main difference = timing of marriage + Green Card status on arrival.





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WHO CAN APPLY?

Criteria	K-1 Visa	CR-1 Visa
Marital Status	Engaged	Married
Sponsor	U.S. Citizen	U.S. Citizen / Green Card Holder
Proof Needed	Genuine relationship + intent to marry	Legal marriage certificate + relationship evidence



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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Step	K-1	CR-1
USCIS Petition	6–9 months	10–14 months
Consular Processing	2–4 months	3–5 months
Total (Avg)	12–18 months	12–16 months



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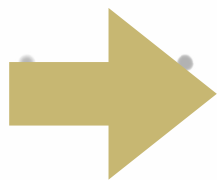


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COST BREAKDOWN (APPROX.)

1 K-1: \$2,000–\$3,000 total (including Adjustment of Status later)

2 CR-1: \$1,200–\$1,800 total



**K-1 REQUIRES A SECOND ROUND OF
PAPERWORK & FEES AFTER MARRIAGE (AOS).**





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WHEN DO YOU GET YOUR GREEN CARD?

Feature	K-1 Visa	CR-1 Visa
Entry Type	Fiancé	Spouse (Immigrant)
Green Card on Arrival	No	Yes
Work Authorization	Apply after marriage	Automatically allowed
Travel Flexibility	Limited until Green Card	Free travel immediately



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PROS & CONS SNAPSHOT

WHICH ONE FITS YOU?

1

K-1 Pros:

- Faster if you want to marry in the U.S.
- No need to marry abroad first
- K-1 Cons:
- Extra AOS step & cost
- No immediate work/travel rights

2

CR-1 Pros:

- Permanent Green Card from day one
- Can work/travel immediately
- CR-1 Cons:
- Must marry before application
- Slightly longer upfront processing

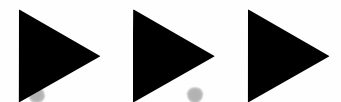




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COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- 1** Not providing enough relationship proof
- 2** Overlooking financial sponsorship documents
- 3** Forgetting the 90-day marriage rule for K-1
- 4** Confusing tourist visa marriage with K-1





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