



SAEI Company

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US citizen for spouse (Non-Derivative)

F-1 (Immediate)

Needed Documents:

If the spouse is **NOT** here in the US: (Category, **CR1 or IR1**)

From the Citizen we need:

1. Naturalization Document / US Birth Certificate/ U.S. Passport.
2. Marriage Certificate, (If married before; Divorce or Death Certificate (**Certified**),
3. One picture

From the Beneficiary:

- Birth Certificate (if available)
- (If married before; Divorce or Death Certificate (**Certified**),
- One picture

Fees: A check for \$ 420 for USCIS \$ 1,200 for SAEI. (Within 6 months after filing NVC will send the citizen 2 separate bills \$ 88 (IRS search fee for sponsor) and \$ 404 (fee for the green card at the US embassy)

- **How long?** It takes more than a year for an interview at a US embassy. The citizen does **NOT** have to be present at the interview
- At the time of the interview, if they have been married **under** 2 years then the spouse comes into the US with a **temporary** green card. This card expires **2** years after entry. The temporary green card must be renewed (form I-751) **three** months before the **temporary** card is expired.
- If they have been married **over** 2 years then the spouse **MAY** come into the US with a **permanent** green card.
- The issue of **domicile** of the US citizen **must** be addressed before interview

If the spouse is **here** in the US: (Category **IR1**)

From the Citizen we need:

- Above documents + 3 years of Income tax filings,
- Letter of Employment / Business License.

From the Beneficiary:

- Above documents + Medical Examination, passport, two more pictures

The package will be **MAILED** to the USCIS, which will schedule the beneficiary for a biometric appointment and later a work permit will be issued. While waiting for the green card, the spouse may only leave the US if she applies for **Advance Parole** (I-131) which allows her to leave the country for **60 days**. (If she had stayed in the US illegally **before** applying for green card she will **NOT** be eligible for an Advance Parole).

How long? It takes about **6 to 9 months** before spouse **AND** citizen are **BOTH** scheduled for an interview. If approved, a **Temporary** green card status will be issued after the day of the interview. The actual card may arrive in 30 days.

Fees: A check for (420+1070 (in 2 separate checks)= \$1,490) for CIS \$ 1,200 for SAEI

Note: If the citizen has any children from this spouse he must file a **separate** I-130 for each child. This is **NOT** a **derivative** case and the children **MAY NOT** automatically receive a green card when the spouse is interviewed.