APPLYING FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA

Document Checklist for Immigrant & K & V Visa Applicants

Please bring all applicable documents (originals plus copies if noted) on this checklist. Visas will not be approved until applicants submit all required documents.

- 1. For family-sponsored or employment-based applicants, the immigrant visa fee of US\$400 for each applicant is required if the fee has not already been paid to the National Visa Center. The fee for Diversity Visa applicants is US\$775. K & V visa applicants will need to pay the MRV fee of US\$131. Special Immigrant Visa applicants applying under the Kennedy Program for Iraqi Nationals do not have to pay a visa fee. Special Immigrant Visa applicants applying under the Iraqi Translator/Interpreter program must pay US\$400 for each member of the family.
- 2. Passports with at least 6 months validity and copies of the biographic pages (the page showing your photo and name); AND any previous travel documents with expired and/or current U.S. visas in them. Please note that only A or G series Iraqi passports are accepted for the visa process.
- 3. Iraq identity cards along with certified English translation.
- 4. Two visa photographs of each applicant (please see separate sheet of "Photographic Requirements")
- 5. Completed "Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration" (Form DS-230 Part II). Do NOT sign the form until your interview with a consular officer.
- 6. Immigrant visa applicants require an Affidavit of Support (Form I-864) with their sponsors' federal income tax return for the most recent tax year. Fiancee visa applicants and applicants applying for K-3 visas should be prepared to present Form I-134 (not Form I-864) executed by the petitioner and his/her federal income tax returns for the most recent tax year. Please note that Special Immigrant Visa applicants do NOT need to either of these forms.
- 7. Police certificates from your country of residence for the past 6 months and from other countries in which you have lived for more than 12 months after age 16.
- 8. Certificates of trial and court transcripts if you were ever convicted of a crime.
- 9. Medical examinations.

- 10. Birth certificates with certified English translation. Or a Family Book entries with certified English translation.
- 11. Adoption certificates with certified English translation.
- 12. Marriage certificates with certified English translation.
- 13. Divorce certificates with certified English translation. If either the petitioner or the applicant were previously married, you must submit legal proof of the termination of each prior marriage.
- 14. Child custody orders with certified English translation or signed permission from the child's other parent giving permission for the child to immigrate to the U.S.
- 15. Evidence of relationship between the applicant and petitioner, such as photos, emails, school records, letters, phone bills, etc. (Please note that submitting photos taken in a photography studio is not helpful in establishing a relationship.)
- 16. Employment-based and Diversity Visa applicants should be prepared to submit evidence of education and/or work experience at their interview. Employment-based applicants need a recent notarized job offer from the employer stating the position and salary.

Please note: Arabic language and other foreign language documents must be accompanied by a certified English translation. The translator must be an authorized professional - please do not translate the documents yourself.