



T.P.L.  
GLOBAL



# K-1 vs CR-1

Fiancé vs Spouse Visa – Which is Right for You?



**T.P.L. Global, LLC | Trusted U.S. immigration attorney  
specializing in representing Indian Clients**

---

+1 (617) 391-7741

---

[www.tplglobal.net](http://www.tplglobal.net)



# 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.





# 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





T.P.L.  
GLOBAL

# 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



---

+1 (617) 391-7741

[www.tplglobal.net](http://www.tplglobal.net)



## 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).**





T.P.L.  
GLOBAL

# 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



+1 (617) 391-7741

[www.tplglobal.net](http://www.tplglobal.net)



## 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





# 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**





T.P.L.  
GLOBAL

# WHY CHOOSE T.P.L. GLOBAL?

- 1 Expert guidance on K-1 & CR-1 visa filing for Indian applicants**
- 2 Step-by-step support from petition to interview**
- 3 Proven success rate in complex cases & refusals**
- 4 Personalized document review + mock interview prep**

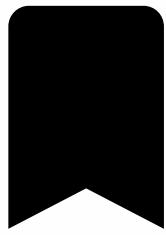




T.P.L.  
GLOBAL

# READY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR PARTNER IN THE U.S.?

BOOK YOUR CONSULTATION WITH T.P.L. GLOBAL, LLC TODAY



SAVE FOR LATER

YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION JOURNEY STARTS WITH TRUSTED EXPERTS.



+1 (617) 391-7741

[www.tplglobal.net](http://www.tplglobal.net)