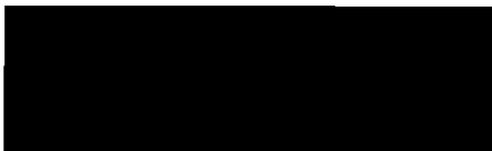




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PETITION:      Petition for Alien Fiancé(e) Pursuant to § 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

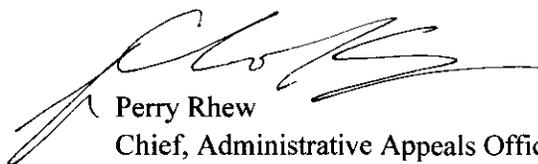
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

  
Perry Rhew  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Director, California Service Center, denied the nonimmigrant visa petition, and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed. The petition will remain denied.

The petitioner is a citizen of the United States who seeks to classify the beneficiary, a native and citizen of Cambodia, as the fiancé(e) of a United States citizen pursuant to § 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K).

The director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(8)(ii) because the petitioner failed to submit required initial evidence. On appeal, the petitioner submits a statement and additional evidence.

*Applicable Law*

A "fiancé(e)" is defined at Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Act as:

subject to subsections (d) and (p) of section 214, an alien who -

(i) is the fiancée or fiancé of a citizen of the United States . . . and who seeks to enter the United States solely to conclude a valid marriage with the petitioner within ninety days after admission[.]

Section 214(d)(1) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1184(d)(1), states in pertinent part that a fiancé(e) petition:

shall be approved only after satisfactory evidence is submitted by the petitioner to establish that the parties have previously met in person within 2 years before the date of filing the petition, have a bona fide intention to marry, and are legally able and actually willing to conclude a valid marriage in the United States within a period of ninety days after the alien's arrival, except that the Secretary of Homeland Security in [her] discretion may waive the requirement that the parties have previously met in person. . . .

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(8)(ii) states that if all required initial evidence is not submitted with the petition or does not demonstrate eligibility, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may, in its discretion, deny the petition for lack of initial evidence. The specific requirements for filing a Petition for Alien Fiancé(e) (Form I-129F), including a description of the required initial evidence, may be found in the *Instructions* to the Form I-129F.

*Factual and Procedural History*

The petitioner filed the fiancé(e) petition with USCIS without any supporting evidence. For this reason, the director denied the petition on June 3, 2011. On appeal, the petitioner provides a statement in which he asserts that the petitioner is his second cousin and they became engaged in November 2010. He also provides: a Form G-325, Biographic Information, for himself and the beneficiary; one (1) passport-style color photograph of himself and the beneficiary; original statements from himself and the beneficiary to

establish their mutual intent to marry within 90 days of the beneficiary's admission into the United States in K-1 status; and photographs of himself with the beneficiary.

*Analysis*

The petitioner has submitted some, but not all, of the required initial evidence. The record still lacks the following documentation: proof of the petitioner's U.S. citizenship; one (1) additional passport-style color photograph of the petitioner and the beneficiary; and evidence that the petitioner and the beneficiary have met in person between January 19, 2009 and January 19, 2011, which is the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of the petition.

The petitioner indicated on appeal that he became engaged to the beneficiary in November 2010 in Cambodia. He submitted photographs of himself and the beneficiary, which he stated were taken during his visits to Cambodia and Thailand. As the photographs are undated, they do not establish that the petitioner met the beneficiary within the requisite period. The petitioner has failed to submit any relevant evidence of meeting the beneficiary within the requisite period, such as a copy of his passport showing exit and entry stamps, his flight itinerary and boarding ticket, and date-stamped photographs.

*Conclusion*

As the petitioner still has not submitted all of the required initial evidence on appeal, the director's decision to deny the petition shall not be disturbed. As always, the burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. Here, the petitioner has not met that burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed. The petition remains denied.