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All the information & instructions you need to get a U.S. green card through marriage



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helpful. General guide
By Aggie
I was interested in this book because I will marry a US citizen next year and I wanted to be informed about the different options to apply for residency. The book does a good job of informing the options for different scenarios: living in the US vs. living overseas, applying in the US vs. applying overseas, having a legal status vs. entered the US illegally, etc. Each chapter explains each of these cases, provides details about the forms, and gives instructions on how to complete them. On some of these instructions on how to complete forms, however, the author describes the answer to certain questions as "self-explanatory" when they are not necessarily that obvious. Also, some sections are the same in several chapters (and the reader will be indeed directed to a further chapter) but some of the instructions on how to complete the forms, the number of copies required, the color of the paper to use for each copy will be different in one chapter and another. As a word of advice, always check the USCIS website and get the latest forms and fees from them. On the positive side, the book contains tear out checklists at the end that come handy when putting all the paperwork together. On the downside, I wish the book would cover more extensively the case of persons already in the US. For example, if you have a J visa, or an OPT work permit, or a H1 visa, what are the rules for people in those cases? They only mention that while in the US and not having "overstayed" your visa for more than 180 days its ok to apply for an adjustment of status, but what are the legal implications? Does applying for a change of status cancels any other visas? Does employment has to be interrupted or cancelled? Is it mandatory to apply for the work permit while the paperwork of the green card is being reviewed in order to work, or if other visa is current can the applicant keep that until receiving the resolution of the application? As you can see, there are still many unsolved questions, but I guess for cases that are more general is an OK source of info.
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By Ben W.
My fiance and I are getting married next summer (2014). She is Canadian and I am American. We have a lot of friends who did international marriages and then had to spend their first six or more months of marriage apart. This book spelled out all of the options available to us in a clear and concise manner, and then walked us through the steps as well. The only downside is I bought the Kindle Edition, and it's kind of hard to see the forms. It isn't worth the money you save to buy this book on Kindle, unless perhaps you have a Fire or can use it on another device with a larger screen/zoom capabilities. Other than that this book is awesome!

You're engaged or married to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and all you want is the right to be together in the U.S. Should be easy, right? It's not. Information can be hard to find, the government bureaucracy isn't helpful, delays are inevitable. Worst of all, there wasn't an easy-to-use guide through the process -- until now. Fiance Marriage Visas makes obtaining a visa and green card as painless as possible. It helps you decide the fastest and best application strategy for you, whether you are married or unmarried, living in the U.S. or overseas. With this friendly, comprehensive book, you can: *understand the immigration process *make your way through the bureaucracy *prepare for meetings with U.S. officials *learn how to prove your marriage is real *deal with the two-year testing period Plus, Fiance Marriage Visas gives you helpful advice on protecting and renewing your green-card status. It also provides sample forms, and shows you how to find the forms you need online. The 3rd edition is completely updated throughout, and provides new procedures for submitting "adjustment of status" applications and getting work permits. It also discusses a new policy for allowing some people to continue with their green-card applications sooner than before.

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Attorney Ilona Bray came to the practice of immigration law through her long interest and concern with international human rights issues. Before joining Nolo as legal editor in charge of immigration, she ran a solo law practice and worked for a number of nonprofit immigration agencies, including the International Institute of the East Bay and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. Ms. Bray was also an intern in the legal office at Amnesty International International Secretariat in London. She received her Bachelor's Degree in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College, and her law degree and a Master's degree in East Asian (Chinese) Studies from the University of Washington.