



**United States Consulate General  
Lagos, Nigeria**

Dear Visa Applicant,

Please be advised that every person who enters the Consulate will need to present valid, government-issued photo identification. Examples include: international passport, driver's license, permanent voter's card, or national identification card. If you do not have photo identification, you will not be allowed to enter the Consulate. Student and employer identification cards are not acceptable. This applies to both applicants and individuals who are accompanying a minor child.

**PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP**

If your status as an intending immigrant depends upon a relationship established by a marriage between an alien and a United States citizen or legal permanent resident, please be prepared to present suitable documentation to establish the bona-fides of that marriage at the time of your immigrant visa interview. For parent-child relationships, you will need to also provide substantial and suitable documentation to verify your relationship

Unfortunately we have found that there is a great deal of fraud involved in relationships that confer immigration benefits. This high level of fraud makes it imperative that we review detailed evidence that supports your claim to a visa based on marriage or engagement. In the past, the following types of documentation have been helpful in the adjudication of these visas:

- Birth certificates of any children born of the marriage or relationship**
- A sufficient number of photos that show the petitioner and applicant together**
- Any correspondence addressed jointly to the petitioner and applicant from family members, and/or correspondence between the petitioner and applicant.**
- Most recent tax returns listing both names**
- Any other convincing documentation that shows that the petitioner and applicant have formed an economic and marital union**

Please bring this type of proof of the relationship to the visa interview so that the validity of your relationship can be accurately assessed.

**CANCELLED OR MISSED APPOINTMENTS**

*If you cancel or miss your appointment, please send an e-mail to [LagosIVScheduling@state.gov](mailto:LagosIVScheduling@state.gov) with your name, case number, and contact address. We will contact you by email with the next available appointment date. We are currently scheduling appointments **60 to 90 days from today**. Diversity Visa (DV) applicants are strongly encouraged to honor their originally scheduled appointment dates. We do not reschedule appointments for DV applicants.*

We hope that this information will prove helpful in your application for an immigrant visa.