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Removal of Conditions (Form I-751)

A Plain-Language Document Checklist

If you received a 2-year conditional green card through marriage, you'll need to file Form I-751 to remove the conditions before it expires. USCIS will expect strong evidence that your marriage is genuine. This checklist walks you through what you'll typically need to gather, in plain English.

This is general information, not legal advice. Your case may need more (or fewer) documents depending on your situation — that's exactly what a consultation is for.

Identity & Status Documents

- ☐ Copy of your conditional Permanent Resident Card (both sides)
- ☐ Copy of your spouse's Permanent Resident Card or proof of U.S. citizenship
- ☐ Marriage certificate

The 90-Day Filing Window

- ☐ Confirmation of your green card's expiration date

You generally must file within the 90 days before your conditional green card expires. Filing too early can result in a rejection; filing late can put you out of status.

Evidence of a Genuine, Ongoing Marriage

- ☐ Joint lease, mortgage, or deed showing you live together
- ☐ Joint bank account statements and joint credit card statements
- ☐ Joint tax returns for the years you've been married
- ☐ Photos together spanning your marriage, not just the wedding

The stronger and more varied your evidence, the less likely USCIS is to request more (a Request for Evidence) or refer your case to an interview.

If You're Filing a Joint Petition

- ☐ Your spouse's signature on the I-751, filed jointly with you

If You're Filing a Waiver (Divorced, Widowed, or Abuse)

- ☐ Divorce decree, if the marriage ended in divorce
- ☐ Death certificate, if your spouse passed away
- ☐ Evidence of extreme cruelty or abuse, if filing a waiver on that basis

Waivers don't require your spouse's signature or cooperation, but they require their own supporting evidence — talk to us about which category fits your situation.

Children Included on the Petition

- ☐ Birth certificate for each conditional resident child included

A Simple Timeline

120 days before expiration: Start gathering evidence of your marriage and confirm your exact filing window.

90 days before expiration: You may now file — this is the earliest date USCIS will accept your I-751.

30 days before expiration: Finalize and submit your complete package if you haven't already.

Filing day: Submit your I-751 to USCIS with the filing fee and biometrics fee.

After filing: Watch for your 18-month extension notice, then your biometrics appointment and eventual decision or interview.

A note from Ahmad

This filing exists specifically because USCIS is watching for marriage fraud, so thin or inconsistent evidence is the single biggest reason these cases get delayed or referred to an interview. I personally review every case at our firm to make sure your evidence tells a clear, complete story before you file.

Ready to talk about your case?

Schedule a consultation at americandreamlawoffice.com

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