



Information Sheet for Afghan Parolees Outside of the Safe Haven Process

Welcome to the United States. Your health, safety, and well-being will be our top priority as you travel to your new homes and integrate into your local communities.

What You Must Do to Maintain Your Parole

You have been paroled into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons for up to 2 years. To maintain parole and remain in the United States, you must follow certain conditions:

You must receive certain vaccines and a tuberculosis (TB) test.

If you are an Afghan parolee who received the Afghan Parole Information sheet from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) upon arrival, your parole is subject to certain medical conditions. If you did not complete a medical exam at a government-run safe haven on a military base, you **must** report your compliance with the medical conditions of your parole to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at uscis.gov/vaccination-status. You may also have to present your medical records if you apply for federal, state, or local public benefits.

Arrival date	Requirements to maintain parole
Afghan nationals paroled into the United States between Sept. 7, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2021	<p>1) You must undergo a medical screening and receive certain vaccines.</p> <p>As a condition of parole, Afghan nationals who are paroled into the United States must undergo a medical screening and receive the first dose of the following vaccinations absent a case-by-case determination that any of the following are not medically appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A tuberculosis (TB) test (Note: If you test positive for TB, you must be isolated and receive treatment.);• MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccination, absent proof of prior vaccination;• Polio vaccination, absent proof of prior vaccination;• COVID-19 vaccination, absent proof of prior vaccination; and• Other age-appropriate vaccinations, as determined

	<p>by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/civil-surgeons/vaccinations.html#anchor_1506449934815, absent proof of prior vaccinations.</p> <p>If you did not receive your medical screening and vaccinations at a federally funded facility, you are responsible for obtaining the medical screening and vaccinations on your own. You must report that you have done so by visiting uscis.gov/vaccination-status and attesting to obtaining your medical screening and vaccinations.</p> <p>2) Notify U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of an address change</p> <p>You must notify USCIS within 10 days of moving any time you have a change of address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify USCIS of an address change by filing the Form AR-11, Alien’s Change of Address Card, online at: egov.uscis.gov/coa/displayCOAForm.do • Note: If you have any issues or questions about an address change request, email: nbc Afghancoa@uscis.dhs.gov.
<p>Afghan nationals paroled into the United States between January 1, 2022 to present</p>	<p>1) Notify U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of an address change</p> <p>You must notify USCIS within 10 days of moving any time you have a change of address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify USCIS of an address change by filing the Form AR-11, Alien’s Change of Address Card, online at: egov.uscis.gov/coa/displayCOAForm.do • Note: If you have any issues or questions about an address change request, email: nbc Afghancoa@uscis.dhs.gov.

How Do I Contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)?

You can call the USCIS Contact Center for assistance at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833), Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern. When you call, please identify yourself as a citizen or national of Afghanistan so the appropriate representative can help you.

Finding Legal Services

For information on locating legal services, please visit uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services.

Types of Long-Term Legal Status You May Be Eligible For:

Asylum

Individuals in the United States may apply for asylum regardless of their country of nationality or current immigration status. If you have been persecuted or have a fear of future persecution in your country of origin because of race, nationality, religion, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, you may be eligible for asylum. For more information on asylum, visit uscis.gov/asylum. It is a general requirement that individuals applying for asylum must do so within 1 year of their arrival to the United States, with limited exceptions. If you have been granted parole status, and you maintain that status, you may be eligible for an “extraordinary circumstance” exception for failure to file timely under 9 CFR 208.4(a)(5)(iv). We recommend that if you intend to apply for asylum, you do so before your parole status expires. However, you may still be eligible for the exception if you file after your status ends, so long as it occurs within a “reasonable time period.” Information about applying for asylum with USCIS is available at uscis.gov/i-589. If you have already applied for asylum with USCIS, you can check your case status online at uscis.gov/casestatus, using the receipt number we provided to you after you applied.

Form & Fee Information:

- To apply for asylum, file Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal (uscis.gov/i-589). There is no fee to file Form I-589.

Family-Based Immigration Petitions

If you have family (spouse, parents, children, siblings) who are U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, or principal refugees or asylees, they may be eligible to file a petition on your behalf. You may be eligible to apply to adjust your status to lawful permanent resident (get a Green Card) once we have approved the family-based petition. For more information, see uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility-categories. For more information on individuals who may petition for a relative of a refugee or asylee and procedures, please see uscis.gov/family/family-of-refugees-and-asylees.

To check on pending petitions for family-based immigration (Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, and Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition) and applications for adjustment of status (Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status), petitioners, beneficiaries, or attorneys of record with a Form G-28 on file may call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern. USCIS is expediting pending family-based petitions for petitioners and beneficiaries from Afghanistan.

Form & Filing Information:

- Form I-130, visit uscis.gov/i-130
- Form I-730, visit uscis.gov/i-730
- Form I-485, visit uscis.gov/i-485

Special Immigrant Visa Program

If you believe you are eligible for the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program or you have already started the SIV application process, you will need to complete all of the steps in the following process:

1. Apply for Chief of Mission (COM) approval with the Department of State. For more information, see travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html or travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/siv-iraqi-afghan-translators-interpreters.html. If you have already received COM approval, proceed to step 2.
2. File Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant, with USCIS. Follow the instructions at uscis.gov/i-360. You may scan and email your petition with the required documents (preferably in .pdf format) to mnsi360sivapp@uscis.dhs.gov. Please include the email address where you would like USCIS to send your electronic receipt. Be sure to sign your form according to the form instructions. If you have an approved Form I-360, proceed to step 3.
3. If you have an approved Form I-360 petition, you may apply for lawful permanent resident status (a Green Card) by submitting Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. Follow the instructions at uscis.gov/green-card-for-an-afghan-employed-behalf-us-government. We must approve your Form I-360 petition before you may apply for a Green Card with Form I-485.
4. After you have filed Form I-485, USCIS may schedule you for an interview at your local field office. Follow all instructions provided by USCIS. If we approve your Form I-485, we will mail your Green Card to you.

Petitioners, beneficiaries, or attorneys of record with questions about a pending Form I-360 for Afghan Special Immigrants may call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833). The Contact Center hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern. From outside the United States, call 212-620-3418 or check the case status online at egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/landing.do.

For questions about a pending COM application or SIV, please visit the Department of State Special Immigrant Visa webpage (travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/specialimmg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html) for contact information.

Working in the United States

For parolees, USCIS must approve your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (uscis.gov/i-765), before you can legally work in the United States.

Applying for Employment Authorization

Complete the following steps to submit your Form I-765:

- Complete Form I-765. Select “Initial Permission to Accept Employment” in Part 1 on Form I-765. Type or write your eligibility category in Part 2, Item Number 27. The category number for parolees is “(c)(11).” Sign your form in Part 3.
- Locate a copy of your Form I-94, passport, or other travel document showing you were paroled into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit under INA 212(d)(5). For more information on obtaining a Form I-94, please see i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94.
 - If you do not have a passport, you can use your A-Number to retrieve your Form I-94 online. Enter your A-Number in the Passport Number field and enter:
 - “AFG” in the Passport Country of Issuance field; or
 - “USA” in the Passport Country of Issuance field.
- Mail your Form I-765 with a copy of your Form I-94, passport, or other travel document showing you were paroled into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit under INA 212(d)(5) to:

USCIS WESTERN FORMS CENTER
ATTN: OAW I-765
10 Application Way
Montclair, CA 91763-1350
- For more information, see uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghans. Click the Afghan Parolees – Working in the United States section.
- USCIS may require you to appear for an interview or submit biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your Form I-765. After we receive your Form I-765 and verify that it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If you do, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS application support center and the date and time of your appointment. If you do not attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your application.

Once USCIS has approved your Form I-765, we will mail your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) to you at your address on record.

Fee Information

Afghan nationals paroled into the United States due to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan do not have to pay the filing fee for the initial Form I-765.

Please Note: Federal law requires every employer who recruits, refers for a fee, or hires an individual for employment in the United States to complete Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification. Additional information about Form I-9 and your rights as an employee can be found at uscis.gov/i-9-central. If you seek employment, you may be asked to present your EAD to the potential employer

Social Security Number and Card

You will need a Social Security number to get a job, collect Social Security benefits, and receive other government services. If you completed Form I-765 at a safe haven, we have given information to the Social Security Administration (SSA) so they can assign you a Social Security number and mail a Social Security card to the address on record. If you did not complete Form I-765 at a safe haven, you can apply for a Social Security number and card using the instructions at ssa.gov/ssnumber.

Resources for Victims of Abuse, Violence, or Exploitation

There are many forms of abuse and exploitation, including domestic violence, forced marriage and human trafficking. In the United States, there are laws that may help you avoid or escape an abusive situation or forced marriage..

- **Domestic Violence** is a pattern of behavior in a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner, parent, or child. Domestic abuse can involve physical, sexual, emotional, financial, or psychological harm or threats of harm.
- **Forced Marriage** is a marriage that takes place without the consent of one or both people in the marriage. Consent means that you have given your full, free, and informed agreement to marry your intended spouse and to the timing of the marriage. Forced marriage may occur when family members or others use physical or emotional abuse, threats, or deception to force you to marry without your consent. For additional information on forced marriage, please visit uscis.gov/humanitarian/forced-marriage.
- **Human Trafficking** involves exploiting someone to compel a commercial sex act or forced labor. Generally, this exploitation must involve force, fraud, or coercion to be considered human trafficking. However, if someone under 18 years old is induced to perform a commercial sex act, that is considered human trafficking even if there is no force, fraud, or coercion. For additional information on immigration relief and other resources USCIS provides for victims of human trafficking, see uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-of-human-trafficking-and-other-crimes.

If you have experienced forced marriage, domestic violence, human trafficking, or other abuse, please contact the resources below to receive free help in your language:

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-7233, 800-787-3224 (TTY), ndvh.org
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline of the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN):** 800-656-4673, rainn.org
- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:** 800-843-5678, missingkids.com
- **The National Center for Victims of Crime:** 800-394-2255, 800-211-7996 (TTY), ncvc.org
 - National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888, Text: 233733.

Information for Unaccompanied Children

An unaccompanied child is a person under the age of 18 who does not have lawful immigration status in the United States and who does not have a parent or legal guardian in the United States who can provide care and physical custody.

For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Hotline for Unaccompanied Children and Sponsors: 800-203-7001, information@ORRNCC.com.