



Information Sheet for Afghan Special Immigrants **Seeking to Apply for Adjustment of Status at a Safe Haven**

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.

Special Immigrants

If you believe you are eligible to file an application for adjustment of status as a Special Immigrant based on employment by or on behalf of the U.S. government, or if you started but did not complete the Special Immigrant Visa application process before coming to the United States, you will need to complete 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 already have 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 nsci360sivapp@uscis.dhs.gov. Please include the email address where you would like USCIS to send your electronic receipt.
 - If you have an approved [Form I-360](https://uscis.gov/i-360), proceed to step 3.
3. If USCIS has approved your [Form I-360](https://uscis.gov/i-360), you may apply for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident status (obtain a Green Card) with Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (uscis.gov/i-485). You may file Form I-485 if you have a U.S. address to include on your Form I-485. If you do not have a U.S. address, you may file when you arrive at your new home once you learn your new address. If you will be filing Form I-485 from your new address, find filing instructions at uscis.gov/green-

[card-for-an-afghan-employed- behalf-us-government](#) or [uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility/green-card-for-an-afghan- or-iraqi-translator-or-interpreter.](#)

- You do not need to submit the 2 passport-style photographs outlined in the Form I-485 instructions.
4. After you have filed [Form I-485](#), USCIS may schedule you for an interview.
- Follow all instructions provided by USCIS. If we approve your [Form I-485](#), we will mail your Green Card to you.
 - USCIS will expedite the adjudication of your application, whether it is filed at a safe haven or from your new home.
5. Fees
- There is no filing fee for a [Form I-360](#) filed for an Afghan Special Immigrant.
 - There is no filing fee for a [Form I-485](#) based on an approved Form I-360 for an Afghan SpecialImmigrant.
 - Applicants should include an “OAW” annotation in the top right corner of their Form I-485.

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 Chief of Mission application or immigrant visa, please visit the Department of State webpage, [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immig- visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html](#), for contact information.