



Information Sheet for Afghan Parolees Departing Safe Havens

Special Immigrant Attachment

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 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, proceed to step 3.
3. If you have an approved [Form I-360](#) petition, you may apply for lawful permanent resident status with USCIS by submitting Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (uscis.gov/i-485). Follow the instructions at uscis.gov/green-card-for-an-afghan-employed-behalf-us-government. Your [Form I-360](#) petition must be approved before you file [Form I-485](#).
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](#), USCIS will mail your permanent resident card (also known as a Green Card) to you. USCIS is expediting the adjudication of your application.

Fees

- There is no fee to file [Form I-360](#) for a Special Immigrant Afghan.
- There is no fee to file Form I-485 based on an approved Form I-360 for an Afghan Special Immigrant. Applicants should include an “OAW” annotation on the top right of the 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 U.S., 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 website at travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immig-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html for contact information.