



## **Information Sheet for Afghan Parolees Departing Military Installations**

### **– SIV 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 Immigrant Visas**

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 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](https://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](https://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 a [Form I-360](#), Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant with USCIS. Follow the instructions at [www.uscis.gov/i-360](http://www.uscis.gov/i-360). You may scan and email your petition with the required documents (preferably in .pdf format) to: [nsci360sivapp@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto: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 a [Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status](#). Follow the instructions at [uscis.gov/i-485](http://uscis.gov/i-485). Your [Form I-360](#) petition must be approved before you file to adjust status to that of a lawful permanent resident on [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 your [Form I-485](#) is approved, USCIS will mail your lawful permanent resident card (also known as a Green Card).

### **Fees**

- The [Form I-360](#) filed for a Special Immigrant Afghan is exempt from paying the fee.

For questions about a pending [Form I-360](#) for Afghan Special Immigrants, petitioners, beneficiaries, or attorneys of record 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](https://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 \(https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html\)](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html) for contact information.