PROCESS FOR VENEZUELANs

An overview of the process and online filing of Form I-134

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS FOR VENEZUELANs
Process Overview

- The process for Venezuelans provides a streamlined way for nationals of Venezuela and their immediate family members to come to the U.S. temporarily for up to a 2-year period of parole.
- U.S.-based supporter must submit Form I-134 on behalf of their beneficiary through a USCIS online account.
- Supporter must submit a separate Form I-134 for each beneficiary including immediate family members and minor children.
- USCIS’ role in the process is to intake and review the Form I-134 and determine whether or not to confirm a supporter.
Who Can Be a Supporter?

To be a supporter you must:

• Be an individual or individual representing an entity (i.e., organization or business)
• Be in lawful status in the United States, or a parolee or beneficiary of deferred action or Deferred Enforced Departure;
• Pass background check;
• Show you can support named beneficiary(ies);
• Submit Form I-134 online for each person you want to support

Supporters can be:

• U.S. citizens and nationals
• Permanent, conditional and temporary residents
• Nonimmigrants in lawful status
• Asylees, refugees, and parolees
• Holders of Temporary Protected Status, and
• Beneficiaries of deferred action (including DACA), or Deferred Enforced Departure
Who Can Be a Beneficiary?

• Venezuelan citizen or their non-Venezuelan immediate family members outside the United States.

• Immediate family members: Spouse or common-law partner of a Venezuelan citizen and their unmarried children under 21.

Important:
• Children under 18 years old must travel with a parent or legal guardian in order to use the process.

• Non-Venezuelan immediate family members must arrive to the United States with their Venezuelan family member to be considered for parole under the process.
Beneficiary Eligibility Requirements

Eligible to Apply
• Has a confirmed U.S.-based supporter.
• Passes security screening and vetting.
• Completes vaccination requirements and attestations and complies with all other public health requirements.
• Has valid, unexpired passport for international travel (Certified extensions of passport validity will meet this requirement.)
• Provides own commercial air travel.
• Not a permanent resident nor has dual nationality of any country other than Venezuela (does not apply to immediate family members).
• Receives authorization to travel from CBP.

Ineligible to Apply
• Is an unaccompanied child.
• Ordered removed from United States within prior 5 years as of Oct. 19, 2022, or subject to prior removal order.
• Expelled from United States after Oct. 19, 2022.
• Irregularly crossed the Mexican or Panamanian border after Oct. 19, 2022.
USCIS and CBP Collaboration

- USCIS reviews U.S.-based supporter’s financial ability to support the named beneficiary(ies), a Venezuelan citizen and immediate family members, for period of parole (up to 2 years).
- USCIS conducts security checks and background vetting on supporters.

- CBP conducts vetting on a beneficiary.
- CBP determines if beneficiary qualifies for travel authorization.
- CBP provides travel authorization determination to be displayed in the beneficiary’s USCIS account.
- CBP makes a final processing disposition and determines parole period upon beneficiary’s arrival and processing at a U.S. port of entry.
How to Support Beneficiaries

- Financial support for duration of the parole period, up to 2 years.
- Safe housing
- Health care
- Transportation
- Initial basic necessities
- Assistance with application for employment authorization ([uscis.gov/i-765](http://uscis.gov/i-765))
- Learning English
- Applying for jobs
- Enrolling children in school
Advisements

• Individuals irregularly migrating to the United States will be returned to Mexico and will be ineligible for parole under the process for Venezuelans.

• For Venezuelan citizens and their immediate family, the process offers a safe and effective way to enter the United States temporarily.

Learn more about the process for Venezuelans at uscis.gov/Venezuela.
Step 1: Financial Support

U.S.-Based Supporter:

• Files Form I-134 online for each beneficiary they want to support.  
  (Receives a receipt notice through online account for each Form.)

• If USCIS confirms Form I-134, supporter will receive confirmation notice in online account for each confirmed case.
Step 2: Submit Biographic Information

Beneficiary:

• Creates a USCIS online account

• Confirms & submits biographic information  
  (name, date of birth, email address, passport number, city of birth, physical address)

• Submits vaccination attestations

• Submits biographic information and completes attestations for travel group.
Step 3: CBP One Mobile Application

Beneficiary must enter biographic information and provide a passport scan and live photo in the CBP One mobile app.

Courtesy of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
Step 4: Travel Authorization

- CBP’s travel authorization determination available in the beneficiary’s USCIS account.

(U.S. supporter will not have access to travel document.)

- Travel authorization is valid for 90 days.
- Beneficiaries arrange travel to the United States.
- CBP makes a final processing disposition when beneficiary arrives and is processed at a U.S. port of entry.
Attest to completing Tuberculosis screening and receiving any missing vaccinations within 90 days of arrival to the United States.
Filing Form I-134 Online
Creating a USCIS Online Account

Individuals can create an account or sign in here:

- www.uscis.gov
- my.uscis.gov
- myaccount.uscis.gov
myUSCIS Account Type

Both the U.S. supporter and beneficiary must create an applicant account.

Select an account type:

- I am an applicant, petitioner, or requestor.
  - USCIS only offers certain benefit types for online filing. Please refer to uscis.gov for further guidance.
  - You may use this account type to file an online Form I-134 as an individual agreeing to financially support a beneficiary. You may also use this account type if you are a beneficiary of a confirmed online Form I-134.
  - You cannot file an H-1B Registration with this account type.

- I am a Legal Representative.
  - I am an attorney eligible to practice law in the United States.
  - I am an accredited representative of a qualified organization that is recognized by the Department of Justice in accordance with 8 CFR part 1292.

- I am an H-1B registrant.
  - I am an authorized signatory submitting an H-1B Registration or signing an H-1B Registration to be submitted by a legal representative.
  - A registrant account can be used only to submit H-1B Registrations.
  - If you are an attorney or accredited representative that requires the submission of a Form G-28 and are submitting H-1B Registrations on behalf of an H-1B employer or agent, you must use a Legal Representative account.

Submit
Account Recovery

Two-Step Verification Backup Code

If you lose access to your authentication device (you get a new mobile device or change your phone number), you can use this backup code to login to your USCIS account. If you change and confirm a new two-step verification method preference, your old code will no longer work.

Please print or save a copy of this code, and store it somewhere safe so that you are not locked out of your account.

Your backup code is: 3a1778dca0

Provide Password Reset Answers

- Question #1: What was the first sport you played?
  - Response: field hockey

- Question #2: In what city/town did you meet your spouse?
  - Response: Richmond

- Question #3: What is the name of the company of your first paid job?
  - Response: McDonalds

Save your backup code and password reset answers!
Supporters Need to Review Carefully

Reminder

Typos cannot be corrected after a form is submitted.

Typos can prevent a beneficiary from accessing required documents.

• U.S. supporter must check for typographical mistakes. Typos can cause problems.
  • Beneficiary’s email address
  • Beneficiary’s name
  • Beneficiary’s date of birth
  • Beneficiary’s country of birth (Ven.)
  • Country of citizenship
  • Passport number and expiration date (passport must be valid and unexpired)
  • Passport-issuing country
Welcome To Your USCIS Account

Select What You Want To Do

- Add a case to your account
  - Enter your online access code (OAC) to add and manage a case to your account

- File a form online
  - Start a new form, upload evidence, and pay and submit online

- Enter a representative passcode
  - Review and sign forms prepared for you by your attorney or representative

- Verify your identity
  - Answer questions about your immigration history to verify your personal identity
Form I-134 has eight sections

1. Getting Started
2. About the supporter
3. Financial information about the supporter
4. About the beneficiary
5. Beneficiary’s financial information
6. Evidence
7. Additional information
8. Review and Submit
Responding to an RFE

• U.S. supporters can respond to a Request for Evidence (RFE) through the account. It’s quick and easy.

• Case status online updates immediately.

Respond With Evidence

Review the guidelines before you respond.

- You only have one opportunity to respond to our notice.
- Once we receive your response, we will resume processing your case.
- If you fail to submit all the requested evidence, we may deny your application.
- You cannot delete any evidence once you submit it.
- You can respond with no more than five documents.
- If you have more than five documents, please upload the first five on this page, then go to the Documents tab on your case and upload additional documents under Unsolicited Evidence.

⚠️ Review the notice we sent and respond with the requested evidence by May 4, 2021 at 11:40 a.m.

File Requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password protected files
- File size: 6 MB maximum
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator’s certification with each original document.

Submit response

Choose or drop files here to upload

Response To USCIS' Request For Evidence Was Received

On May 4, 2021, we received your response to our Request for Evidence for your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, Receipt Number I0E0991289887. USCIS has begun working on your case again. We will send you a decision or notify you if we need something from you. If you move, go to www.uscis.gov/addresschange to give us your new mailing address.

Response received on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 11:50 a.m. EDT. We will review the evidence.
Authenticated Web Form
Review of Beneficiary Experience
Add Supporter’s Case to Beneficiary Account

1. The beneficiary creates a USCIS account using their email address.
2. Choose “Add a case to your account.”
3. Add receipt number of the confirmed Form I-134.
4. Then click “Add a case.”
Enter Online Access Code and DOB

- Enter Online Access Code and date of birth.
- The Account Notice we emailed you shows the code.
- To request a new code, use this link: my.uscis.gov/account/v1/needhelp
I-134 Primary Beneficiary Case Card

Case card lists what beneficiary needs to do:

1. Confirm biographic information.
2. Complete vaccination attestation.
3. Complete eligibility attestations, affirming bene is not a perm. resident, dual national, or in refugee status in another country.
4. Add travel group members (if any) and complete their attestations. (Do this step only if traveling with other people.)
5. Submit to CBP.
Confirm Biographic Info

• Review and confirm biographic information your supporter provided.

• Beneficiary can correct some information. Beneficiary **cannot** change:
  - Basis of filing
  - Form I-134 parole process
  - Receipt number
  - Alien Number
  - Passport number
  - Passport-issuing country

• Beneficiary must confirm where they physically live.
Correcting a Passport Number

• Upload a picture of your valid, unexpired passport as “Unsolicited Evidence” (bottom of “Notices” tab).
• Name the image “Correct Passport Number.”
• Send us a message from your inbox saying that you submitted evidence to correct your passport number.
• We will respond to you with a message in your inbox.
• **Do not** submit attestations to CBP until you get a response from us.

Important Reminder if You Need to Correct a Passport Number

You have the opportunity to correct a passport number before you submit your attestations. After you submit, you will not be able to correct it.

To correct the passport number on the “Confirm Biographic Information” page, you need to do the following:
- Click “Upload evidence” and upload a copy of the passport.
- After uploading your evidence, send us a message from your inbox. In your message, indicate that you have submitted evidence to correct a passport number.

You will receive a response in your inbox. Do not submit your attestations to CBP until we respond to your request to update your passport number. Submitting your attestations before you receive a response could impact your travel authorization and your request for parole.
Confirm Biographic Information is Correct

- Beneficiary should review to make sure everything is correct.
- This same blue alert appears for every section.
- You cannot make changes after information is submitted.
Attest to Having Required Vaccinations

Pre-travel attestations
• Measles Vaccine
• Polio Vaccine
• COVID-19 Vaccine

There are exceptions to the vaccine requirement for each type of vaccine.
Attest To Having Required Vaccinations

COVID-19 Vaccine (Select one)

☐ I have received at least one dose of a US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL). If not fully vaccinated, I will complete a recommended COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days after arrival. If the COVID-19 vaccine I received cannot be determined or is not available in the United States, I will receive at least one dose of an FDA approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine according to the guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html

☐ I have not received at least one dose of an US Food and Drug administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I am too young. I will start a COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days of arrival to the United States or reaching the eligible age, whichever is later, and will complete my recommended primary vaccine series in accordance with current CDC guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html

☐ I am older than 6 months of age, but I am not vaccinated against COVID-19 because the vaccine is not approved or licensed for use in my age group where I have been residing. I will start a COVID-19 vaccine series within 90 days of arrival to the United States and will complete my recommended primary vaccine series in accordance with current CDC guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html

☐ I have not received at least one dose of an US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 vaccine with World Health Organization Emergency Use List (WHO EUL) but qualify for an exception to this requirement because I have a history of a known medical contraindication to the COVID-19 vaccine. Contraindications are listed at: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#contraindications
Eligibility Attestations

• Beneficiary must review information about children under 18.

• Children under 18 can participate in the process for Venezuelans only if they travel to the United States with and in the custody of their parent or legal guardian.
Beneficiary should add travel group members.

Each person added must be a beneficiary on a confirmed Form I-134.

A-Number and receipt number are on Confirmation/Account Notice.

If you add a travel group member, you must complete attestations for each person and submit to CBP.
Remove a Travel Group Member

We built a tool for beneficiaries to remove travel group members.
Confirm Submission to CBP

Are you sure you want to submit all information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)?

Once you submit all information to CBP, you will not be able to add any more travel group members to your case and you will not be able to edit any information. This action cannot be undone.

- Beneficiary must confirm they want to submit information to CBP.
- Beneficiaries cannot add travel group members after this point or make any more edits.
- Beneficiaries should review carefully. This cannot be undone.
Create a CBP One Account

**STEPS:**

- Create a CBP One account
- Beneficiary needs to scan their passport and take a photo of themselves.
- The entire package will not be submitted to CBP until the live photo is submitted in CBP One.
- USCIS will send an email notification when the travel authorization decision is available.
- Check USCIS online account often.
When CBP Authorizes Travel

• If CBP authorizes travel, beneficiary should check their “Notices” tab to view travel authorization notice.

• Travel authorization notices for travel group members may not be ready at the same time.

• Beneficiaries should continue to check their account for notices.
Complete Vaccine Attestations After Arrival

- Once beneficiary(ies) arrive in the United States and are granted parole, they must complete a tuberculosis attestation in the account.
- Primary beneficiary must do this for themselves and travel group members, if any.
How U.S. Supporters and Beneficiaries Get Help

- Supporters and beneficiaries can send a secure message from their account inbox.
- People can also request technical support at: my.uscis.gov/account/v1/needhelp
Resources

USCIS

- uscis.gov/Venezuela
- my.uscis.gov (USCIS online account)
- my.uscis.gov/account/v1/needhelp
  (get technical support with your account)
- uscis.gov/scams-fraud-and-misconduct/avoid-scams/common-scams

CBP One Mobile Application

- cbp.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbpone
Concluding Remarks

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