

Filing Humanitarian Parole for Afghans

Pars Equality Center's Afghan Support Project

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The Humanitarian Parole Program

- Administered by the Humanitarian Affairs Branch of International Operations (HAB)
- Parole is a discretionary authority that allows for the temporary entry of individuals into the United States for urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit
- Parole does not constitute an admission into the USA

Who Can Apply for Humanitarian Parole?

- Anyone can make an application on behalf of someone who is outside of the United States and has an urgent need to enter the country.
- Individuals may also self petition for Humanitarian Parole if they are outside the United States.

Jurisdiction

- USCIS, ICE, and CBP exercise concurrent parole authority:
 - **USCIS (HAB)** authorizes parole for aliens outside the United States for many reasons, including humanitarian.
 - **ICE** authorizes parole aliens outside of the United States for many reasons, including law enforcement and intelligence purposes as well as to release detained aliens from custody.
 - **CBP** authorizes parole at United States ports of entry, including pre-flight inspection facilities.

CBP Preclearance Locations

- The closest preclearance location to Afghanistan is Abu Dhabi airport
- Generally, there are 16 locations worldwide:
 - Dublin and Shannon in Ireland
 - Aruba
 - Freeport and Nassau in the Bahamas
 - Bermuda
 - Abu Dhabi
 - United Arab Emirates
 - and Calgary, Toronto, Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg in Canada.
- CBP land borders such as Mexico where HP can be requested at the Point of Entry. (But many closed due to COVID-19)

Filing Humanitarian Parole with USCIS

- This training will cover how to file Humanitarian Parole Applications with USCIS. But if your client is on the move and can get to a CBP checkpoint, they *may* be able to present the packet to CBP as well.
- You must file one I-131 for **each** beneficiary/Afghan Evacuee
- \$575 Filing Fee (Check, Money Order payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security: or G-1450 Credit Card form) OR a Fee Waiver on Form I-912 can be used (the fee waiver will slow down the processing.
- All signatures can be copies/scans of wet signatures (no electronic signatures)
- 2 passport photographs of the Beneficiary (you can utilize online services or phone apps/Passport Photo Booth <https://www.ivisa.com/photos>)

The USCIS Humanitarian Packet will Contain:

1. Two US passport-size photos of Beneficiary (Use Photo Booth/other apps and online services to print these in USA)
<https://www.ivisa.com/photos>
2. G-1145 E-Notification Form (*goes on top! Of everything* Very important to get a case number quickly so you can expedite.)
3. **Form G-28** (if you are going to be the attorney on record)
4. **Form I-912** Fee Waiver **OR** \$575 fee by way of a money order/check payable to “US Department of Homeland Security” **OR** a credit card form **G-1450** (beware: must be accurately filled out!)
5. **Form I-131** Application for Travel Document with supporting docs
6. **Form I-134** Affidavit of Support (*Financial sponsor can be someone other than the Requestor) with supporting docs

How to Ensure you Expedite your Packet

- Write “Expedite Requested” on top right of cover letter
- Put a bold colored Page on top of I-131 (behind the G-1145):
AFGHANISTAN-HUMANITARIAN PAROLE

EXPEDITE REQUESTED DUE TO TALIBAN DEATH THREATS

- Once you get a USCIS case number by email notification then call the USCIS Customer Service Number at: **1-800-375-5283** to Expedite. Push prompts for “Info Pass” to get to a live agent. You will need the case number & info from your file so keep it handy. Ask for a humanitarian parole based on “Humanitarian Reason” citing the reasons to the officer. You can do 3 cases at a time per call.
- Give the receipt number and expedite confirmation number to the Petitioner’s Congressional Rep and ask for them to expedite the case. They have to have a signed privacy release form from applicant.
https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep_house

Form I-131: Application For Travel Document

- Edition Date (check bottom left of application *not top right*) accepted **4/24/19C and 4/24/19**
- This form is used for various travel docs. You will be using it for **Humanitarian Parole**
- One Beneficiary (Afghan Evacuee) & One United States Citizen/Legal Permanent Requestor (the Requestor can be different from the I-134 Financial Sponsor) For Example: USC Mother is Requestor on Form I-131 but USC Family Friend is the I-134 Financial Sponsor



Application for Travel Document

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-131
OMB No. 1615-0013
Expires 04/30/2022

For USCIS Use Only	Receipt	Action Block	To Be Completed by an Attorney/ Representative, if any.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Document Hand Delivered By: _____ Date: ____/____/____		
	Document Issued	Mail To (Re-entry & Refugee Only)	Attorney State License Number: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-entry Permit (<i>Update "Mail To" Section</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document (<i>Update "Mail To" Section</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Advance Parole <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Advance Parole <i>Valid Until:</i> ____/____/____		

► **Start Here.** Type or Print in Black Ink

Part 1. Information About You

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.e. Middle Name

Other Information

3. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) ► A-

4. Country of Birth

Physical Address [\(USPS ZIP Code Lookup\)](#)

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Physical Address

[\(USPS ZIP Code Lookup\)](#)

- 2.a. In Care of Name
- 2.b. Street Number and Name
- 2.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.
- 2.d. City or Town
- 2.e. State 2.f. ZIP Code
- 2.g. Postal Code
- 2.h. Province
- 2.i. Country

Other Information

3. Alien Registration Number (A-Number)
▶ A-
4. Country of Birth
5. Country of Citizenship
6. Class of Admission
7. Gender Male Female
8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
9. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)
▶

Part 2. Application Type

- 1.a. I am a permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States, and I am applying for a reentry permit.
- 1.b. I now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- 1.c. I am a permanent resident as a direct result of refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- 1.d. I am applying for an Advance Parole Document to allow me to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel.
- 1.e. I am outside the United States, and I am applying for an Advance Parole Document.
- 1.f. I am applying for an Advance Parole Document for a person who is outside the United States.

If you checked box "1.f." provide the following information about that person in 2.a. through 2.p.

- 2.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 2.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 2.c. Middle Name
- 2.d. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

- 2.e. Country of Birth
- 2.f. Country of Citizenship
- 2.g. Daytime Phone Number () -

Physical Address (If you checked box 1.f.)

- 2.h. In Care of Name
- 2.i. Street Number and Name
- 2.j. Apt. Ste. Flr.
- 2.k. City or Town
- 2.l. State 2.m. ZIP Code
- 2.n. Postal Code
- 2.o. Province
- 2.p. Country

Part 3. Processing Information

1. Date of Intended Departure
(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

2. Expected Length of Trip (in days)

3.a. Are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings?
 Yes No

3.b. If "Yes", Name of DHS office:

4.a. Have you ever before been issued a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document? (If "Yes" give the following information for the last document issued to you):

Yes No

4.b. Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy) ▶

4.c. Disposition (attached, lost, etc.):

If you are applying for a non-DACA related Advance Parole Document, skip to Part 7; DACA recipients must complete Part 4 before skipping to Part 7.

You can put indefinite here or 1 year or as long as you can estimate it would take for them to apply for an immigration benefit like asylum etc.



Part 3. Processing Information (continued)

Where do you want this travel document sent? (Check one)

5. To the U.S. address shown in **Part 1 (2.a through 2.i.)** of this form.

6. To a U.S. Embassy or consulate at:

6.a. City or Town

6.b. Country

7. To a DHS office overseas at:

7.a. City or Town

7.b. Country

If you checked "6" or "7", where should the notice to pick up the travel document be sent?

8. To the address shown in **Part 2 (2.h. through 2.p.)** of this form.

9. To the address shown in **Part 3 (10.a. through 10.i.)** of this form.:

10.a. In Care of Name

10.b. Street Number and Name

10.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

10.d. City or Town

10.e. State 10.f. ZIP Code

10.g. Postal Code

10.h. Province

10.i. Country

10.j. Daytime Phone Number () -

Part 4. Information About Your Proposed Travel

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1.a. Purpose of trip. *(If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)*

HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

EVACUATION NECESSARY DUE TO

TALIBAN DEATH THREATS

1.b. List the countries you intend to visit. *(If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)*

United States

Part 5. Complete Only If Applying for a Re-entry Permit

Since becoming a permanent resident of the United States (or during the past 5 years, whichever is less) how much total time have you spent outside the United States?

1.a. less than 6 months

1.b. 6 months to 1 year

1.c. 1 to 2 years

1.d. 2 to 3 years

1.e. 3 to 4 years

1.f. more than 4 years

2. Since you became a permanent resident of the United States, have you ever filed a Federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a Federal income tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident? *(If "Yes" give details on a separate sheet of paper.)*

Yes No



Part 6. Complete Only If Applying for a Refugee Travel Document

1. Country from which you are a refugee or asylee:

SKIP THIS SECTION

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you must explain on a separate sheet of paper. Include your Name and A-Number on the top of each sheet.

2. Do you plan to travel to the country named above? Yes No

Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you ever:

3.a. Returned to the country named above? Yes No

3.b. Applied for and/or obtained a national passport, passport renewal, or entry permit of that country? Yes No

3.c. Applied for and/or received any benefit from such country (for example, health insurance benefits)? Yes No

Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you, by any legal procedure or voluntary act:

4.a. Reacquired the nationality of the country named above? Yes No

4.b. Acquired a new nationality? Yes No

4.c. Been granted refugee or asylee status in any other country? Yes No

Part 7. Complete Only If Applying for Advance Parole

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you qualify for an Advance Parole Document, and what circumstances warrant issuance of advance parole. Include copies of any documents you wish considered. (See instructions.)

1. How many trips do you intend to use this document?
 One Trip More than one trip

If the person intended to receive an Advance Parole Document is outside the United States, provide the location (City or Town and Country) of the U.S. Embassy or consulate or the DHS overseas office that you want us to notify.

2.a. City or Town

4.a. In Care of Name

US PERSON/FIRM NAME

4.b. Street Number and Name

4.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

4.d. City or Town

4.e. State

4.f. ZIP Code

4.g. Postal Code

4.h. Province

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- 2.a. City or Town

KABUL

- 2.b. Country

AFGHANISTAN

If the travel document will be delivered to an overseas office, where should the notice to pick up the document be sent?:

3. To the address shown in **Part 2 (2.h. through 2.p.)** of this form.
4. To the address shown in **Part 7 (4.a. through 4.i.)** of this form.

- 4.a. In Care of Name

US PERSON/FIRM NAME

- 4.b. Street Number and Name

- 4.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

- 4.d. City or Town

- 4.e. State

- 4.f. ZIP Code

- 4.g. Postal Code

- 4.h. Province

- 4.i. Country

- 4.j. Daytime Phone Number () -

Part 8. Signature of Applicant (Read the information on penalties in the Form instructions before completing this Part.) If you are filing for a Re-entry Permit or Refugee Travel Document, you must be in the United States to file this application,

1.a. I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it is all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Signature of Applicant

➡ SIGNATURE OF US REQUESTOR

1.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ► DATE

2. Daytime Phone Number (#) -

NOTE: If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, your application may be denied.

Part 9. Information About Person Who Prepared This Application, If Other Than the Applicant

NOTE: If you are an attorney or representative, you must submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, along with this application.

Preparer's Full Name

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)
Alizadeh

1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
Sima

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name
Pars Equality Center

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Phone Number Extension
(4 0 8) 2 6 1 - 6 4 0 5

5. Preparer's E-mail Address (if any)
salizadeh@parsequalitycenter.org

Declaration

To be completed by all preparers, including attorneys and authorized representatives: I declare that I prepared this benefit request at the request of the applicant, that it is based on all the information of which I have knowledge, and that the information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Supporting Documents for Form I-131

- All Documents that are not in English must have a certified translation (see our checklist for instructions on certification)
- Photo Identification of the Beneficiary: Passport, “Tazkera” (which is an Afghani Identity document that serves as a Birth Certificate).
- Signed Declaration from Petitioner regarding Emergent situation and any other case specific details of the reason why this particular person is a target. At this point all persons are in danger so this does not have to be a long statement. Plan for Adjustment through family/asylum etc can also be detailed here.
- Country Conditions/Security Alerts/Media Alerts:

<https://af.usembassy.gov/security-alert-embassy-kabul-afghanistan-august-21-2021/>

I-134 Affidavit of Support: Financial Sponsor

- Generally considered not legally enforceable; “Soft Affidavit”
- <https://www.uscis.gov/i-134>
- Standard is 125% of HHS Poverty Guidelines, which can be found here:
<https://www.uscis.gov/i-864p>
- You need one I-134 for each Beneficiary being sponsored even if a duplicate copy.
- Wet signature can be scanned (no electronic signatures)
- Supporting Docs from Financial Sponsor May be (*are required): *US Passport/US Green Card, Driver License to show US residency, *W2/1099 for most recent tax year, *Federal 1040 for most recent tax year, last 6 paycheck stubs, verification of employment letter from company, business license.
- **NOTE:** The person who signs the Affidavit of Support may be different from the person who signs the I-131 form.

Post Filing Tips

- You or the Applicant will get a receipt number by email if G-1145 filed
- Expedite request must be made through USCIS then if you can you or the US applicant can share those case numbers and expedite confirmations numbers with their congressional reps/or other congressional channels.
- A DS160, Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application, will need to be filled up (no fee needed for this). See checklist for exemplar info
- See DS-160 link: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html>
- See DS-160 exemplar at:
- https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/PDF-other/DS-160-Example_11012019.pdf
- **NOTE:** It is OK to list Kabul as the designated consular post on DS160. DOS can pull up the application at any consulate. It is OK to switch parole requests to a different consulate later by emailing the USCIS HP office.

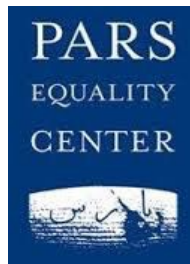
Explaining Parole to the US Applicant/Afghan Evacuee

- Humanitarian Parole is discretionary. We can not guarantee the success of the application filling despite doing our best.
- Parole is not an admission and they should explore next steps with an immigration attorney if/when the beneficiary arrives in the US.
- Parolees can apply for asylum or file for other avenues of immigration benefits, which should be discussed with an immigration attorney once they arrive in the U.S.
- Parole duration is discretionary and can vary between a few months to a year. The US may put in place a special program for Afghans but it has not yet done so.
- Parole is not renewable, but a new application has to be filed (re-parole) if the applicant has not secured status (eg. Pending asylum, pending adjustment).
- Guidance may change and this may affect the next steps of their case. You may not be able to give them these next steps but they should consult with an immigration attorney when needed.

Resources for Afghan Cases

- If in the course of your legal advocacy you find that you have to refer another individual to an organization for assistance, you can refer them to Pars Equality Center' Afghan Support Project where a volunteer attorney will be assigned to their case ASAP:

<https://tinyurl.com/3T9VYRSH>



Thank you for Volunteering

You are going to make a difference



A recently reunited family celebrates the victory of having their first car ride in safety. Husband was worried his wife and child would be killed. There is nothing more rewarding than reunification, especially during a humanitarian crisis.