



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 Immigrant Visas

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 a [Form I-360](#), Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant with USCIS. Follow the instructions at 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. 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 www.uscis.gov/green-card-for-an-afghan-employed-behalf-us-government. 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 filing fee.
- The [Form I-485](#) based on an approved [Form I-360](#) for an Afghan Special Immigrant, is exempt from paying the filing fee. Applicants should include an "OAW" annotation on the top right of the [Form I-485](#).

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.

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.