



OPERATION SACRED PROMISE

HUMANITARIAN PAROLE APPLICATIONS

The rules and regulations relevant to humanitarian parole applications are constantly evolving. OSP recommends that applicants consult with an attorney for additional assistance and guidance.

If you require an immigration attorney, you may search for one [here](#).

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Who can apply?

- (1) Individuals may self-petition if they are located outside of the U.S.; or
- (2) Individuals (U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents) may petition on behalf of someone else located outside of the U.S.

The majority of HP applications will be submitted to USCIS, who authorize parole for aliens (nonresidents) located outside of the U.S.

CHECKLIST FOR AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION¹²

The final application should be submitted in this order.

The “petitioner” is the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who is submitting the application. The “beneficiary” is the Afghan citizen requesting parole.

- (1) Cover page on brightly colored paper, stating “AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN PAROLE, EXPEDITE REQUESTED.”

¹ Documents flagged with an asterisk (*) require a wet (pen to paper) signature. If you are assisting with the preparation of an application, the beneficiary may send you a scanned copy of their signature and you can drop it into the form for them.

² You **MUST** also submit a [DS-160 \(Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application\)](#) online. A sample can be found [here](#).

- (2) A brief cover letter describing the contents of the application packet and signed by the U.S.-based petitioner. Write “EXPEDITE REQUESTED DUE TO TALIBAN DEATH THREATS” on the top right corner.

Note: A sample of the cover page and cover letter, provided by Pangea Legal Services, can be found [here](#).

- (3) [G-1145](#) e-notification form (this will ensure electronic updates regarding the status of your application).
- (4) \$575 filing fee for **each** application. Payments can be made via:
 - Check;
 - Money order made payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security;” or
 - [G-1450](#)* credit card form.

Note: you may also submit a fee waiver (Form [I-912](#)*), although this WILL slow down processing. Current reports are that the U.S. Government has been rejecting most fee waiver requests.

- (5) [I-131](#)* for **each** beneficiary. Write “EXPEDITE REQUESTED DUE TO TALIBAN DEATH THREATS” on the top right corner of the first page.

Note: check the bottom left (not top right) of the application; you must use the version accepted 4/24/19C or 4/24/19.

- (6) Copy of photo ID (and proof of U.S. immigration status, if applicable) for the petitioner. Accepted documents include: U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, Permanent Resident Card.
- (7) Copy of photo ID (and proof of nationality) for the beneficiary. Accepted documents include: Afghan passport, *tazkera*, or other government-issued proof of citizenship.
- (8) Two current passport photos of the beneficiary. You may use phone apps or the [Passport Photo Booth](#). Photos are required for ALL beneficiaries, including children.
- (9) A brief statement or declaration describing the urgent humanitarian need, signed by the petitioner*. This can include:
 - (a) A statement of the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan;
 - (b) the length of time the beneficiary needs parole and a statement that the beneficiary intends to regularize their status in the U.S. (ex: the beneficiary will apply for asylum); and
 - (c) the reasons why a visa cannot be obtained (ex: the embassy in Kabul is closed).

Supporting documentation should be attached (such as statements regarding the embassy's closing or articles regarding the crisis).

Note: These statements do not need to be particularly long (approx. 1 page).

- (10) Case-specific evidence supporting the application, such as documents showing that a family member has worked for the U.S. military or has received death threats.
- (11) If applicable, copies of documents related to nonimmigrant or immigrant visa petitions, such as filing receipts or SIV applications.
- (12) [I-134](#)*. This form is required for **each** beneficiary and may be signed by someone other than the petitioner.
- (13) Supporting documentation for the petitioner (see below)

TO INCLUDE YOUR APPEARANCE AS COUNSEL

- 1. [G-28](#)*

SUBMITTING A FINAL APPLICATION

Completed applications may be sent via USPS here:

USCIS
Attn: HP
P.O. Box 660865
Dallas, TX 75266-0865

Or via FedEx, UPS, DHL, or USPS Express here:

USCIS
Attn: HP (Box 660865)
2501 S. State Hwy. 121 Business
Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067-8003

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

(1) Once you receive a USCIS case number (via email notification), call 1-800-375-5283.

(a) Push the prompts for “info pass” to reach a live agent. Make sure you have the case number available. Ask for humanitarian parole based on “humanitarian reason,” and provide the reasons for the officer. You may expedite THREE applications per call.

(2) Provide the USCIS case number to the petitioner’s Congressional representative (who can be identified [here](#)), and ask them to expedite the case.

Note: This requires a signed privacy release form from the applicant

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE I-131

- The petitioner can be different than the I-134 financial sponsor (who must show that they have the financial resources to ensure that the beneficiary will not become “public charges”).
- ALL documents not written in English must have a certified translation attached.

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE I-134

- A financial sponsor is someone who shows 125% of the HHS [Poverty Guidelines](#). They do not need to know the beneficiary, and can also be an organization.
- According to the Department of State [Foreign Affairs Manual](#), “[t]his affidavit, submitted by the applicant at your request, is not legally binding on the sponsor and should not be accorded the same weight as Form I-864.”

- Supporting documents will be required, and can include:
 - U.S. passport or green card (required);
 - W2/1099 from the most recent tax year (required);
 - Federal 1040 from the most recent tax year (required);
 - Driver license;
 - Last 6 paystubs;
 - Verification of employment letter; and/or
 - Business license.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- If you filed a G-1145, you or the applicant will receive a receipt number.
- The humanitarian parole application does NOT constitute admission to the U.S. However, the beneficiary can also pursue other options (such as filing for asylum) while their parole application is pending.
- The duration of parole is discretionary, but they typically do not last for more than one year.
- Parole is NOT renewable (a new application must be refiled) if legal status has not been secured in the interim.

USEFUL LINKS

- Webinar how-to guides:
 - [Webinar on Humanitarian Parole and Financial Sponsorship for Afghan Evacuees](#), Task Force Melmastya, September 22, 2021. ([Webinar presentation](#))
 - [Webinar on HP & SIV Application Training video](#)
- Filing Resources in English, Dari, and Pashto
 - [Pars Equality Center Resources](#)
 - Guide explaining the basics of the HP process available [HERE](#).
 - To read about **Parole and Beyond for Afghan Nationals** in **English**, please click [HERE](#).
 - To read about Humanitarian Parole in **Pashto**, please click [HERE](#).
 - To read about Humanitarian Parole in **Dari**, please click [HERE](#).

- To read about **Humanitarian Parole Process** in **English**, please click [HERE](#).
 - To watch a **video** about Humanitarian Parole, please click [HERE](#).
 - To learn about **how to file for Humanitarian Parole**, please click [HERE](#).
 - To view a sample of **Humanitarian Parole Cover**, please click [HERE](#).
 - To review **I-131 Afghan Humanitarian Parole Checklist**, please click [HERE](#).
 - Department of State Afghan Parole Information Sheet (Note: Vaccination Information). Click [HERE](#).
 - Dari Language Community Zoom Session Humanitarian Parole and the Pars Afghan Support Project. Click [HERE](#).
 - To watch the HP & SIV Application Training video, please click [HERE](#).
- [Afghan Diaspora for Equality and Progress](#) guide to filing a HP application in English.
 - [Afghan-American Community Organization](#) guides, which include a sample HP cover letter in English, Dari, and Pashto, along with guides in those languages of the different documentation and forms needed, and steps in the process.
 - [Penn State Law Immigrant Rights Clinic](#)
 - "Parole and Beyond" - resource explaining what humanitarian parole is and next steps/options for those who get humanitarian parolee status.
 - [English](#)
 - [Dari](#)
 - [Pashto](#)