

URGENT: What Afghan Minors and Their Caregivers Need to Know

Are you an Afghan Minor who was paroled into the United States? You may need to apply for re-parole.

If you are from Afghanistan and were under 18 years old when you were paroled into the United States with an OAR or PAR class of admission, you need to apply for re-parole if:

1. Your parole is expiring soon. A typical parole period ends after 2 years of being paroled into the United States.
2. You were over 14 years old on Sept. 26, 2023, and as of Sept. 26, 2023, had not applied for asylum OR lawful permanent residence.

You will need to apply for re-parole to ensure there is no lapse in your parole period.

Tips on getting ready to apply for re-parole:

- Check the date of your parole expiration on your Form I-94 by visiting the U.S. [Customs and Border Protection's \(CBP\) Form I-94 website](#) to view and print a copy of your Form I-94. To access your form, you will need to enter your first and last name, date of birth, document number or A-number (including the letter A), and your country of citizenship. CBP has instructions on how to look up your current Form I-94 in [English \(PDF\)](#), [Dari \(PDF\)](#), and [Pashto \(PDF\)](#).
- You must apply for re-parole individually (e.g., not part of another person's application).
- Note: If you are currently over 18 years old but were 18 years old or younger when you were

paroled into the United States, you remain eligible for benefits upon a grant of your re-parole application.

For those who teach, coach, know, or are caring for an Afghan minor, please encourage them to find out how they can apply for re-parole and, if applicable, to update the minor's address with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

See the USCIS webpage "[Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans](#)" for more information.

How can Afghan Minors apply for re-parole?

To apply for re-parole, Afghan minors should submit a [Form I-131, Application for Travel Document](#) online on the USCIS website. There is no application fee. The Form I-131 may also be submitted to USCIS by mail.

Before applying for re-parole online, complete the following steps:

1. If you do not already have one, obtain an email address. Anyone can create a free email address using gmail.com or one of the other free email services.
2. Create a free myUSCIS account by following the instructions on the USCIS webpage, "[How to Create a USCIS Account](#)".
3. Follow the instructions available online at [Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans | USCIS](#).

What other information do Afghan Minors need to know about?

- **Change of address:** Whenever you move or change your address, you will need to update your address with USCIS within 10 days. Taking this step will help avoid complications and



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- issues with your immigration case. You can find out how to update your address with USCIS by accessing ILSAA's [URGENT! Update Your Address with USCIS](#) fact sheet.
- **Family Reunification:** If you are an Afghan minor, you may be eligible for family reunification services through the Department of State or USCIS. Visit the [Department of State's Family Reunification for Afghans](#) webpage and USCIS' [Information for Afghan Nationals](#) webpage to learn more.
- **Additional benefits:** Afghan minors may be eligible for benefits such as food stamps, English language classes, medical assistance, and more. You can find out more about immigration by visiting the Office of Refugee Resettlement's (ORR) [website](#) and accessing their [factsheet](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/benefits-for-afghan-minors-fact-sheet.pdf). <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/benefits-for-afghan-minors-fact-sheet.pdf>
- **Guardianship:** If you are caring for an Afghan minor but are not their parent or legal guardian, you may need to take some legal steps that will allow you to fully support their needs in America. If the Afghan minor was initially listed as your child on other immigration applications you may have filed, you can work with your lawyer to update those applications to ensure accuracy. Connect with your attorney or with ILSAA to get help and access ILSAA's [Are You Caring for an Afghan Child but Are Not Their Legal Parent?](#) fact sheet to learn more about your legal options.

Questions?

If you have questions or need more information, please visit our [website](#) for additional resources. You can also contact us at ILSAAinfo@icf.com and a member of our team will get back to you.

Resource List

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF), ORR. *ACF's ORR Benefits for Afghan Youth in the U.S. Living with Non-Parental Caregivers*. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/orr/benefits-for-afghan-minors-fact-sheet.pdf>.
- ACF, ORR. *An Office of the Administration for Children & Families*. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr>.
- ILSAA. *Are You Caring for an Afghan Child but Are Not Their Legal Parent?* https://ilsaa.acf.hhs.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Guardianship_One_Pager_English.pdf.
- ILSAA. *URGENT! Update Your Address with USCIS*. https://ilsaa.acf.hhs.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Change-of-Address-Instructions_English_508C.pdf
- ILSAA. *Immigration Legal Services for Afghan Arrivals*. <https://ilsaa.acf.hhs.gov>.
- USCIS. *Information for Afghan Nationals*. uscis.gov/allieswelcome.
- USCIS. *How to Create a USCIS Online Account*. uscis.gov/file-online/how-to-create-a-uscis-online-account.



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- USCIS. *Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans.* uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghan-nationals/re-parole-process-for-certain-afghans.
- U.S. Department of State. *Family Reunification for Afghans.* state.gov/afghanistan-family-reunification/.



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