



Re-Parole Checklist and Pointers

This resource is intended for informational purposes only. Project ANAR's materials are not intended to be taken as legal advice, and we strongly encourage consulting with an attorney. This is primarily intended to serve as a checklist for pro bono legal volunteers assisting individuals with re-parole applications.

Afghans in need of re-parole assistance should be aware that there are many lawyers across the country who can offer free legal support to Afghans who need this service. Be careful of those who ask for money for re-parole applications.

(1) Introduction

As of June 2023, Afghan nationals who arrived in the United States under humanitarian parole through Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) are able to apply to extend their parole status via online and paper filings. Evacuees can extend their parole status for two more years through the re-parole process, using USCIS form I-131.

After their initial parole expires, they no longer have authorization to be present in the United States unless they have been granted an immigration status such as asylum or Temporary Protected Status (TPS). We encourage Afghan parolees to file their re-parole application as soon as possible. Afghan parolees who came through the U.S. evacuation and have not filed any immigration applications such as asylum, SIV, or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) should definitely plan to apply. Some people with other pending applications may also wish to apply.

(2) Summary of Process

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- Current guidance is that you do not need to apply for re-parole if you have applied for asylum or adjustment of status.
- There is NO fee.
- Avoid scams: Do not trust people who ask you for money to help you with re-parole
- The work permit application (EAD) is part of the re-parole application, you do not need to apply for EAD separately
- NOT everyone needs to apply! Certain people with pending asylum applications will be automatically considered for re-parole. This is why it is best to wait for more information and consult with lawyers about your particular case.



(3) Application Checklist

- I-94, which needs to have the correct full name and date of birth, and a class of admission (OAR or PAR)
 - If the I-94 has errors, or the class of admission is not OAR or PAR, they can email oawi94adjustments@cbp.dhs.gov to update it BEFORE filing the re-parole application
- A government-issued ID, which could include:
 - Parole EAD (front and back)
 - Drivers license
 - Passport
 - Social Security card
 - Tazkira/National ID
 - Translation of the Tazkira (if choosing to submit one) regardless if it is a paper Tazkira or a Tazkira ID card.
- A MyUSCIS account
 - Create a myUSCIS Online Account using the following instructional videos from USCIS
 - Pashto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndx9SL4LZIA>
 - Dari: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m1nQPFwiX0>
 - English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_5YDNyMJ30
 - Each individual needs a MyUSCIS account, even children, and every MyUSCIS account needs to be associated with a different email address
 - Before signing in to the applicant's myUSCIS account, **make sure they are logged out of their account on all other devices**. They will be locked out of their account otherwise.

(4) Paper Filing Process

- **Form I-131**, Application For Travel Document. [Form available here](#). [USCIS Instructions here](#). [USCIS Afghan Re-Parole FAQ](#). [USCIS Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans webpage](#).
 - At the top of the first page, write "RE-PAROLE"
 - Part 1 is completed with Parolee's information
 - Part 1, Item 1.a-1.c: Put the parolee's full legal name
 - Note: it is recommended to use the name listed on their EAD
 - Part 1, Item 2.a.-2.1.: put the parolee's physical address
 - Note: Ensure the applicant's address is up to date with USCIS. If they have recently moved and need to update their address with USCIS, follow the instructions [here](#). Once address has been updated with USCIS, proceed with the re-parole application
 - Part 1, Item 3: Write in A-number



- Note: this can be found on the EAD card which is also known as the USCIS number
- Part 1, Item 4: Fill in Country of Birth
 - Note: For many Afghans this will be “Afghanistan”
- Part 1, Item 5: Fill in Country of Citizenship
 - Note: For Afghans OAR parolees this will be “Afghanistan”
- Part 1, Item 6: Add class of admission. It will be either OAR or PAR
 - Notes: This can be found on the parolee’s Form I-94 (OAR or PAR)
- Part 1, Item 7: Fill in gender
- Part 1, Item 8: Write in Date of Birth (DOB)
 - Note: DOB needs to be written MM/DD/YYYY
 - Note: if possible, use DOB on EAD card
- Part 1, Item 9: Write in the Social Security Number (SSN), if available
- Part 2
 - Select box 1.e. “I am outside the United States, and I am applying for an Advance Parole Document.”
 - Leave the rest of Part 2 blank
- Part 3-7
 - Leave blank or write N/A in most spaces
 - Check box 5 in part 3
- Part 8
 - Item 1: Check Yes
- Part 9
 - Applicant must sign, date and provide a phone number
- Part 10
 - If a preparer was used, fill out this Item with the preparer’s information and signature
- Supporting Documents for I-131
 - Copy of a government-issued ID:
 - Parole EAD (front and back)
 - Drivers license
 - Passport
 - Social Security card
 - Tazkira/National ID
 - Translation of your Tazkira (if you are submitting one) regardless if it is a paper Tazkira or a Tazkira ID card.
 - Not required: We recommend submitting a copy of the I-94

(5) Online Filing Process



- Create a myUSCIS Online Account using the following instructional videos from USCIS
 - Pashto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndx9SL4LZIA>
 - Dari: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1m1nQPFwiX0>
 - English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_5YDNyMJ30
- Watch the USCIS Online Account Demo for Afghan Re-Parole
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3BU-89MGlc>
- Sign in to myUSCIS Account
- Choose File a Form Online
- Select the Form you Want to File Online
 - I-131, Application for Travel Document
 - Click the Start Form button at the bottom of the page
 - Be sure to complete the application in order, otherwise appropriate fields will not populate correctly.
- Read the Form Overview Page
 - Click Next
 - Read Additional Overview Page Information
 - Click Start
- What Type of Application Are You Applying for?
 - Click: “I am outside the United States, and I am applying for a Advance Parole Document”
 - Are you requesting expedited processing?
 - Check “No”
 - Are you applying for Re-Parole?
 - Select “Yes”
- For Preparer’s ONLY
 - If you plan to act as a preparer for helping the applicant with this application, for the question “Is someone assisting you with completing this application?”
 - Check “Yes”
 - You will be prompted to fill in your full name, business/organization name, mailing address and contact information
- About You
 - Fill in your Full Legal Name as instructed through the portal
 - Note: it is recommended to use the exact spelling of your name that is on your EAD card
 - Provide a Phone Number
 - Note: this should be a phone number that you can receive phone calls at anytime and/or a consistent phone number you have access to
 - Provide your Physical Address



- Note: Ensure your address is up to date with USCIS. If you have recently moved and need to update your address with USCIS, update your address with USCIS following the instructions [here](#), then, once you have finished updating your address with USCIS proceed with your re-parole application
- Fill in your Date of Birth (DOB)
 - Note: DOB needs to be written MM/DD/YYYY
 - Note: if possible, use DOB on EAD card
- Fill in your Country of Birth
 - Note: for many Afghans this will be “Afghanistan”
- Fill in your Country of Citizenship
 - Note: for Afghans OAR parolees this will be “Afghanistan”
- Fill in Gender
- Type in your A-number
 - Note: this can be found on you I-94 or your EAD card which is also known as your USCIS number
- Type in your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one
 - Check the “I do not have or know my U.S. Social Security Number” if you do not have one
- What is your class of admission?
 - Choose OAR or PAR
 - This information is found on your I-94
- I am Requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) upon approval of my new Operations Allies Welcome (OAW) period of parole.
 - Choose “Yes”
 - Note: checking yes here means you DO NOT need to file a separate work authorization form
- Application Information
 - Your Request
 - Leave the questions in this section blank or put N/A
 - For the questions: are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings?
 - Respond “no” assuming that they are not
 - Your Request Page 2
 - Where do you want your travel documents sent?
 - Select “To the physical address you provided in the “About You” section”
 - Explain how you or the beneficiary qualify for an Advance Parole Document and what circumstances warrant issuance for advance parole:



- I am an Afghan national who arrived in the U.S. as part of Operation Allies Welcome and I am completing this form to apply for re-parole.
- Advance Parole Document
 - Leave this section blank or put N/A
- Evidence
 - 2x2 Photos of You
 - You DO NOT need to upload or provide photos for your re-parole application
 - Photo Identity Documents - REQUIRED
 - Upload at least one government issued document that shows your full name, photo, and DOB
 - Types of ID documents:
 - Parole EAD (front and back)
 - Drivers license
 - Passport
 - Social Security card
 - Tazkira/National ID (front and back)
 - Translation of your Tazkira (if you are submitting one) regardless if it is a paper Tazkira or a Tazkira card.
 - Note: if you are uploading a document that is not in English (Tazkira, etc.), this document must be uploaded with an English translation and a signed Translation Certificate
 - Note: if possible, we recommend uploading photos of the front and back of your EAD as your required Photo ID document
 - Not required: We recommend submitting a copy of the I-94
 - Advance Parole Document for Individuals Outside of the United States
 - SKIP this section
 - You DO NOT need to answer the questions in this section
- Additional Information
 - If you need to supplement any of the above sections, follow the instructions to do so here
- Review and Submit
 - Check that your form filing fee amount is \$0
 - Check to see if the system flagged any alerts or warnings
 - If there are alerts or warnings, then there will be a green flag stating there are no alerts or warnings, and you will be able to click next
 - Your Application Summary
 - Scroll through the draft of the application and ensure everything is spelled correctly and filled out correctly



- You can print a copy of this draft form from this page
- Once reviewed, click Next
- For Preparer's ONLY
 - If you helped the applicant fill out this application you will be prompted to download and fill out and sign a preparer form, and then upload the form in the Preparer's Signature section before submitting the application
- Signature
 - Read the applicant's statement
 - Check the box that says "I have read and agree to the applicant's statement"
 - Type your full name into the box
 - Note: Parents can sign for children under 14 years of age
 - Click Next
- For Attorney's Planning to File a G-28 ONLY:
 - Before clicking submit, you will file a G-28 with your name, organization, address and your bar number. You will then click "send" for the client to review. The attorney will get a one-time code which they will share with the client. The client will add the code to their USCIS account to review the entire application form.
 - Adding the code: Click on "Account" in the dropdown menu, click on "enter a representative code", and decide to accept or correct the application. Once the client clicks "accept", it will come back to the attorney and the attorney will submit the application.
- Click Submit the I-131

(6) Filing Completed Applications - PAPER FILING ONLY

- Make sure that "RE-PAROLE" is written in large letters at the top of the first page of the I-131 (ed. 06/08/23)
- As a best practice, we recommend attaching this [cover sheet](#) template as the first page of your re-parole application
- Instructions for mailing paper filed cases:
 - U.S. Postal Service
USCIS
ATTN: I-131 OAW HP
P.O. Box 20800
Phoenix, AZ 85036-0800
 - FedEx, UPS, or DHL deliveries
USCIS
ATTN: I-131 OAW HP
(Box 20800)
2108 E. Elliot Road
Tempe, AZ 85284-1806

(7) After You File



- ONLINE FILING ONLY: Note your receipt number at the top of the submission page - a receipt notice should appear in your myUSCIS account 24-48 hours after submission
 - Once processed, all documents from USCIS will be under the “Documents” Item of your myUSCIS case portal
 - We recommend checking your myUSCIS account page 24-48 hours after submission to check for the receipt notice document, and to check if the applicant will need to present for any biometric screening
 - Those who submitted a G-28 will also find this receipt notice in their account
- For Attorneys who Filed a G-28 through the Online Process ONLY:
 - Common trend that the receipt notice states there was no G-28 filed with the application, even if you submitted it

(8) Other resources about Afghan Re-Parole

- [VECINA's Training on Re-Parole for Afghan OAR Parolees](#)
 - In particular, the section “Filling out Form I-131 Online” (22:34)
- VECINA's [step-by-step screenshots](#) of the online application, including questions and sections that may be left blank.
- If filing by paper, see VECINA's pdf of screenshots of an [annotated I-131](#), including the sections/questions that may be left blank. [USCIS Webpage on Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans](#)
- Project ANAR Sample [Afghan Re-Parole I-131](#)