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The U.S. State Department is exploring options for Afghans who are in danger in Afghanistan to receive help to leave Afghanistan.

The situation is changing rapidly which may affect how up to date this information is. The Anwari Law Firm will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates.

1. Repatriation Efforts for All Afghans (Even those without immigration cases)

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul has created a form to solicit information from IV holders and certain pending IV applicants and those in danger. The purpose of the form is to gather names of those who need immigrant visa appointments and those who wish to utilize any repatriation options, including assistance with repatriation flights.

<https://seirmprod.servicenowservices.com/kra>

Even if the person in Afghanistan has no immigration case, if they are danger, please fill out the form to ask for help. Each person should have a separate form completed for them.

This will allow U.S. Embassy officials to contact your relative for further processing and register their interest in any option that might be identified for relocating to the United States.

2. Humanitarian Parole

Due to the dangerous conditions in Afghanistan, and the incredibly limited State Department resources available, other possible options should be pursued, including Humanitarian Parole. Humanitarian Parole can be requested by someone outside of the United States who is seeking temporary entrance to the U.S. for urgent humanitarian reasons.

Requesting Humanitarian Parole at a U.S. Embassy

If your relative is able to reach a third country, an application for Humanitarian Parole can be made at the Embassy.

Afghan citizens are eligible for e-visas to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan, and they may enter the following countries without a visa:

- Antigua and Barbuda (e-Visa)
- Benin (e-Visa)
- Cape Verde (Visa on arrival - 3 months)
- Comoros (Visa on arrival - 45 days)
- Dominica (Visa free entry - 21 days)

- Ethiopia (e-Visa - 90 days)
- Maldives (Visa on arrival - 30 days)
- Qatar (e-Visa)

Requesting Humanitarian Parole with USCIS

In some cases, urgent humanitarian reasons can form the basis of a request to be paroled into the U.S. For IV applicants based on sponsorship by a USC or LPR family member a request can be made to the Washington DC Humanitarian Parole office or a local USCIS Field Office. The limitation for these cases is that an applicant must find a way out of Afghanistan and arrange for transportation to the U.S.

3. Contact your congressional representative for help:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Enter your address in the form above, then go to the representatives website and request help with a federal agency. There is an online form you will complete and they can help you.

4. **Help for Those Outside of Afghanistan**

If your relatives are outside of Afghanistan, please see below:

The P-2 program is for those Afghans (and spouses and married or unmarried children) who have worked with the US, as local staff, with NGOs funded by the US, and with media organizations:

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-refugee-admissions-program-priority-2-designation-for-afghan-nationals/>

If your family members do not qualify for the P-2 program, they could instead qualify for the priority 1 or priority 3 programs mentioned in the link above - p-1 is for Afghans under serious threat and p-3 is for Afghans who have family in the US. These programs give refugee visas to these Afghans, but they are priority access, so the refugee visa process should be much faster.

You can read more about the priority access programs here: <https://www.hias.org/us-refugee-priorities>

The process for P-1, P-2 and P-3 programs is:

1. The applicant must get to a third country (i.e. outside of Afghanistan)
2. Must register with UNHCR in that country
3. UNHCR refers them to the US Dept of State Refugee Admissions program - USRAP
4. USRAP contacts the applicant and process their refugee visa

Thank you for your kind patience as we work to help all of our Afghan clients and their loved ones. I will update you as we receive news about any other way we can help.

Take care,

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