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COMMON QUESTIONS WHEN FILING A HUMANITARIAN PAROLE APPLICATION

FORM I-131

1. The beneficiary does not have to sign. A US based person can sign the parole request, including family or friends. Persons outside the US may also sign.
2. Advise client to get passport photos with a smartphone and have it sent to you on WhatsApp. Take a screenshot and/or download it and crop it to make it suitable, print on photo paper to include it with the application.
3. An approved I-130 is not needed before applying for humanitarian parole. An I-131 can be approved on the basis that she/he will be eligible to file an I-130 after arriving to the US.
 - Page 2, Part 2, Application Type
 - Mark 1 f. & Write "Humanitarian Parole Request" next to it
 - Page 2 Part 3
 - Expected length of trip - One Year (enough to apply for other relief, whatever that might be) or Indefinite; family petition pending, asylum, other relief.
 - Page 2, Part 3 (*Form says to skip to part 7 if non-DACA related AP for someone out of USA. Part 3 Page 3 6.a & 6.b - Attorney choice to add info here*)
 - List Kabul with a notation that a safe location of processing to be determined at the time of approval, or "No Fixed Address"
 - Page 3, Part 3, Application Type
 - Mark 9. Mailing Address of Attorney or Applicant for Family Members. USCIS emails the decision.
 - Page 4 Part 7, 2.a. & 2.b
 - Enter Kabul for urgent approval and evacuation; with a notation that a safe location of processing to be determined at the time of approval
 - Page 4, Part 7, Address to Send the Document
 - Mark 4. Mailing Address of Attorney or Applicant for Family Members.

FORM I-134

1. You may include a copy of the valid U.S. Passport or I-551 U.S. Permanent Resident ("Green Card") of family, friend, or interested party
2. A bank statement demonstrating funds available
3. Recent paystubs
4. Can the Form I-134 be filed by someone else other than the applicant for HP?
 - Yes. Anyone can sign I-134. The person does not have to be the Immigrant's relative.

- It can also be an organizational sponsor. An employee of the organization would sign the form, or if they cannot sign, a letter from the organization committing to the support will work
- If self-employed include a copy of the last income tax return filed, or other evidence of income

HOW TO EXPEDITE HP CASES?

1. Request the expedite in writing when filing
2. Call USCIS after obtaining receipt notice to expedite. Note that officers are only allowed to approve three expedite requests in one call.

Please mark clearly on your application at the top “**EXPEDITE**”

After getting the case number, call the USCIS Customer Service line to justify the expedite request.

- USCIS requires to explain why need an expedite (in detail, by saying things like “They weren’t afraid to live in Kabul until the Taliban attacked and took over the city this past weekend”)
- Provide receipt numbers to applicant's Congressional Representative
- Officer could possibly ask questions like:
 - *Why didn't they apply for Asylum?*
 - *Why didn't they apply for refugee status?*
 - Sample Answer: “*USCIS does not allow people to apply for asylum if they are outside the Unites States*” etc.

WHERE TO MAIL THE APPLICATION?

1. <https://www.uscis.gov/i-131-addresses>
2. Email an electronic copy of the application to the State Department emails:
 - For women and girls in danger, SGWI_AfghanReferrals@state.gov and for general assistance, ATF-TF1@groups.state.gov
3. When filing at the Dallas Lockbox
 - Overnight courier service, such as FEDEX or UPS
 - Include a brightly colored sheet on top of every packet: “*AFGHANISTAN-HUMANITARIAN PAROLE-EXPEDITE REQUESTED DUE TO XXX eg. TALIBAN DEATH THREATS*”
4. **Include Form G-1145 to get an email receipt number. Calling the Lockbox is time consuming.**

AFTER AN APPROVED HP by USCIS

1. Generally, you must complete the DS-160 for each applicant, however DOS may be waiving this requirement. Confirmation has is being sought. If you do complete the DS160, list “Kabul” for the interview location. DOS can pull up the application at any

consulate. Humanitarian Parole requests can be transferred to a different consulate later by emailing the USCIS HP office.

2. Wait for instructions from DOS before your client leaves the safety of their home. Security conditions change rapidly, and DOS will contact your client and provide them with detailed instructions of where to go.

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