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## **Relief for Afghan Nationals: Applying for Fee Waivers With USCIS**

### **Overview**

Where an applicant is unable to pay the filing fees or biometric services fees for a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) application or petition, the applicant may be able to request a fee waiver. This is typically available to applicants who receive need-based benefits, who are low income, or who have qualifying financial hardship. Certain Afghan Nationals may be eligible for fee waivers depending on the types of applications that they are filing. This includes applications for travel documents if the individual is applying for humanitarian parole, applications for lawful permanent residence based on Special Immigrant Status as an Afghan Interpreter, or Afghan nationals employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government. Fee waivers may also be requested for any biometric services fees.

### **Who is Eligible?**

A client who receives need-based benefits, who is low income, or has a qualifying financial hardship may apply for a fee waiver. An individual whose spouse and unmarried children of 21 years of age living with her will normally qualify for a fee waiver as part of the individual's household if the individual is receiving means-tested benefits. They may also all qualify if the household income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

### **How to Apply?**

Check if USCIS accepts a fee waiver for the form you are submitting at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms>. If so, request a fee waiver by submitting USCIS Form I-912. You should file one fee waiver request with applications and petitions for which you are requesting a fee waiver. You do not need to file two separate I-912s for the filing fee and the biometric services fee. You can file one single fee waiver request for all family-related applications or petitions filed at the same time. Along with the filing, you should submit all evidence and supporting documentation required under the "Specific Instructions" section of the Form I-912 Instructions available at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-912>.

### **Additional Resources**

- [I-912, Request for Fee Waiver](#)
- [Additional Information on Filing a Fee Waiver](#)
- [I-912P Supplement, 2021 HHS Poverty Guidelines for Fee Waiver Requests](#)
- [How to Request a Fee Waiver in Immigration Court](#)
- [USCIS Updates Fee Waiver Requirements](#)