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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services today announced that certain parolees can now file <u>Form I-765</u>, <u>Application for Employment Authorization</u>, online.

Most individuals paroled into the United States for urgent humanitarian or significant public benefit purposes under INA 212(d)(5) are eligible to seek employment authorization under category (c)(11). Please see the Form I-765 instructions (PDF, 810.34 KB) for more information.

Effective immediately, applicants for employment authorization under category (c)(11) may file Form I-765 online, with limited exceptions. Applicants seeking a waiver of the filing fee or those eligible for a fee exemption, such as Afghan nationals paroled through <u>Operation Allies Welcome</u> and filing an initial Form I-765, must continue to submit Form I-765 by mail. Whether applications are submitted by mail or electronically, USCIS is committed to employing technological solutions and efficiencies to reduce processing times.

To file Form I-765 online, eligible applicants must first visit <u>my.uscis.gov</u> to create a USCIS online account. There is no cost to create an account, which offers a variety of features, including the ability to communicate with USCIS about your application through a secure inbox.

The option to file Form I-765 online is only available to certain categories of I-765 applicants – now including parolees. If an applicant submits Form I-765 online to request employment authorization, but is not filing under an eligible employment authorization category, USCIS may deny the application and retain the fee. To find more information about which employment authorization categories are eligible for online filing, visit our <u>Forms Available to File Online</u> page.

By offering the option to file Form I-765 online, USCIS continues to make the process of applying for immigration benefits efficient, secure, and convenient for more applicants and to increase operational efficiencies for our agency.

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