



Population, Refugees, and Migration

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE

Information for U.S.-Affiliated Afghan Nationals Regarding U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) Referrals

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Attention: Effective January 31, 2022, 5 pm Eastern, the U.S. Department of State is no longer monitoring emails sent to USRAPAfghanReferrals@state.gov. Your referral submitter is your point of contact for referral status updates. If the referral submitted on your behalf is complete and accepted, the USRAP will contact you directly with next steps, according to the instructions below.

As of August 2, 2021, Afghan nationals affiliated with the U.S. government may be referred to the USRAP if they meet the eligibility criteria. **An individual cannot directly refer themselves to the USRAP and must be referred by a U.S. government agency, U.S.-based NGO, or U.S.-based media organization** provided they meet the qualifications.

If you believe you are eligible for the P-2 program, you must contact the U.S. government agency, U.S.-based NGO, or U.S.-based media organization that you were affiliated with and provide them with [this chart](#) about yourself and your family and include information about the qualifying organization you worked for and your dates of employment. It is the responsibility of the U.S. government agency, U.S.-based NGO, or U.S.-based media organization to submit a referral, following established processes, after reviewing and confirming your eligibility.

If possible, you should also provide your referrer scans of the following documents:

- Documents to establish identity: passport; national ID (Tazkira); birth certificates
- Documents to establish relationships: marriage, divorce, death, and/or birth certificates
- Documents to establish employment history: employment badges, employer affidavit

Whether or not you are still in Afghanistan, a U.S. government agency, U.S.-based NGO, or U.S.-based media organization can still refer you to the P-2 program. However, case processing generally cannot begin until/unless you relocate to an eligible processing country. Processing is not feasible in Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea, Syria, and Yemen. (Note: The USRAP does not perform refugee processing in Canada and the United States. If you were paroled into the United States under Operation Allies Welcome, please visit:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/information-for-afghans>.

*Note: If you are an Afghan national well-known to a direct-hire American employee of U.S. Embassy Kabul and face or have faced imminent harm in Afghanistan, you may qualify for an Embassy P-1 referral. Please note that **you cannot refer yourself directly to the P-1 program**. A U.S. government official seeking to make a P-1 referral must have known you in Afghanistan and will need to obtain the relevant Senior Executive Service/Senior Foreign Service official's approval prior to referring you to the P-1. You should reach out to your U.S. government*

contact directly to ask about a potential P-1 referral. Although P-1 referrals can be made for Afghan nationals who remain in Afghanistan, case processing cannot begin until/unless you leave Afghanistan.

Information for Afghan Program Applicants

If the USRAP has received a complete and eligible referral from a U.S. government agency, U.S.-based NGO, or U.S.-based media organization, the USRAP will send you an email directly from noreply@wrapsnet.org or usrapprod@servicenowservices.com. Please whitelist that address and check your spam folders for this email.

This email will contain detailed instructions for how to notify us of your location outside of Afghanistan. Once you complete those instructions, your referral will be assigned to a U.S.-funded overseas Resettlement Support Center (RSC) for case processing. We will only email you from noreply@wrapsnet.org or usrapprod@servicenowservices.com. Please do not share your information with suspicious email addresses.

Note: As of December 2022, we have begun to re-email some applicants with an accepted referral who have not indicated relocation to a third country. This email requests applicants confirm their location is Afghanistan via a different form link. The State Department is contacting applicants as part of ongoing U.S. government efforts to potentially relocate vulnerable Afghans to a processing location.

If you believe you have a referral but have not received a confirmation from noreply@wrapsnet.org or usrapprod@servicenowservices.com, there could be several reasons why:

- You were not referred to the USRAP
- Your referring entity has not yet submitted a referral to us
- We are pending additional information from your referrer
- Your referrer did not provide a valid email address to contact you
- Your referring organization may not be eligible to submit P-2s
- We have not yet reviewed your referral yet

Please contact your referrer/referring organization if you are concerned about the progress or status of your referral.

If your referral requires action from the U.S. government agency or U.S.-based organization that submitted your referral, or if your referral did not come from an eligible referrer, or is otherwise ineligible per Afghan Program requirements, you will not receive contact from USRAP. The Afghan Program is not a self-application program.

Please be advised: The United States is unable to provide protection or support to you while you await a decision on your refugee case. If you are being persecuted or fear persecution in Afghanistan and have relocated to another country, you should follow procedures to register for international protection and assistance as a refugee with the government of the country you are in. You can also register and seek assistance from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). More information can be found at <https://help.unhcr.org/>.

Case processing can be lengthy (potentially 12-18 months), so please be aware that this process

could require living in and supporting yourself and your family in a third country for a substantial amount of time until case processing is complete. Even if you qualify for the P-1 or P-2 program and travel outside of Afghanistan, there is no guarantee that you will be approved for resettlement to the United States. All applicants must pass extensive security checks and complete an interview with a Department of Homeland Security/US Citizenship and Immigration Services officer. Finally, if you are eligible for the [Special Immigrant Visa \(SIV\)](#) program, you should **not** seek a USRAP referral.