

## June 2023 Update For Afghan Parolees

The U.S. government recently announced updates that will impact Afghan nationals who were paroled into the United States via Operation Allies Welcome (OAW), Operation Allies Rescue (OAR), or Project Allies Rescue (PAR)\*. Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) has carefully analyzed the update and provided a summary below regarding options for Afghan parolees. **This information is for general purposes and is not intended to be legal advice.** For specific legal questions, contact an attorney.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the following options are available for Afghan OAR/OAW/PAR Parolees:

- **If you have **ALREADY** applied for **asylum** (Form I-589) or for a green card (Form I-485) before your parole expires:**
  - **You do not need to apply to extend your parole period. USCIS will consider extending parole for this group of people on a case-by-case basis.** If your parole extension is approved, your work authorization will automatically be extended. In this case, Form I-797C will be mailed to you. This form will show that your work authorization has been extended.
  
- **If you have **NOT** applied for **asylum** (Form I-589) or for a green card (Form I-485) before your parole expires:**
  - **You may file an application for re-parole:**
    - **What is the filing fee?**
      - There is no fee to apply for Afghan re-parole
    - **How do you file an application for re-parole?**
      - You can file the application to extend your parole status (Form I-131) either online at [my.uscis.gov](https://my.uscis.gov) or by mail.
      - **ONLINE:** Watch [this video](#) from USCIS, which has instructions on how to complete the form I-131 online.
      - **BY MAIL:** Complete a paper version of form I-131 and mail it to USCIS. More instructions are available at [this website](#).
    - **What are some of the benefits of re-parole if you are approved?**
      - Two more years of parole status.
      - Eligibility for government benefits such as food stamps and Medicaid.
      - Authorization to work in the United States.
  
- **REMINDER:** If you change your address, notify USCIS within 10 days of your move by submitting Form AR-11 (<https://www.uscis.gov/ar-11>). This is to ensure that you receive all mail from USCIS.