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Additional ORR-Eligible Statuses and Categories and Acceptable Documentation Requirements for Afghan Nationals

Policy Letter 22-02

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ORR Policy Letter (PL) 16-01, *Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program*, announced a documentation guide, *Status and Documentation Requirements for the ORR Refugee Resettlement Program* (hereinafter Documentation Guide), that outlined the statuses and categories that confer eligibility for ORR's Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) benefits and the documentation that is needed to show an individual is eligible. This PL augments ORR PL 16-01 by adding information on acceptable documentation that would qualify an Afghan individual for RRP benefits. ORR rescinds ORR PL 21-07.

In addition to existing services for Afghan Special Immigrant Visa recipients, refugees, and asylees, Congress has authorized ORR to serve the following categories of Afghan individuals in response to their urgent evacuation and resettlement:

1. Afghan individuals who receive SI/SQ Parole
2. Afghan individuals who receive Special Immigrant (SI) Conditional Permanent Residence
3. Afghan humanitarian parolees^{1,2} who are admitted to the United States due to urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit

ORR is adding the following eligible applicants and additional documents to the acceptable documents already listed for Afghan Special Immigrants in the [Documentation Guide](#):

Applicant	Documentation
Afghan Special Immigrant Parolee (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)	Form I-94 noting SI or SQ Parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006)

¹ On September 30, 2021, Congress authorized ORR to serve Afghan humanitarian parolees through the Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022.

² The term "Afghan Humanitarian Parolee" includes all Afghan nationals paroled by DHS, including unaccompanied minors.

<p>Afghan Special Immigrant (SI) Conditional Permanent Resident (CPR) (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)</p>	<p>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting that the individual has been classified under IV (immigrant visa) Category CQ1, CQ2 or CQ3</p> <p>Or</p> <p>DHS Form I-551 (“green card”) with an IV (immigrant visa) code for category CQ1, CQ2 or CQ3</p> <p>Or</p> <p>DHS/CBP temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp</p> <p>Or</p> <p>DHS/USCIS temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp</p>
<p>Afghan Humanitarian Parolee³</p>	<p>Form I-94 noting Humanitarian Parole (per INA section 212(d)(5)(A))</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Operation Allies Refuge or “OAR”</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Operation Allies Welcome or “OAW”</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting “DT”</p>

In addition, ORR will also accept the following documents as proof of eligibility for Afghan Special Immigrants:

Applicant	Documentation
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³ The eligibility date of Afghan Humanitarian Parolees for ORR benefits and services is October 1, 2021, (if the individual has already entered the community) or their date of entry into the community (for example, the date on which the Afghan Humanitarian Parolee departs the military base), whichever is later.

Afghan Special Immigrant (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)	DHS/CBP temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp Or DHS/USCIS temporary Form I-551 Alien Documentation Identification and Telecommunication (ADIT) stamp
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All other elements of ORR PL 16-01, including its attached Documentation Guide, as amended by the Frequently Asked Questions document, remain unchanged and in effect.

If you have questions about the information contained in this PL, contact ORR's Refugee Policy Unit at RefugeeEligibility@acf.hhs.gov.

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