

FW: USCIS Afghan Re-Parole Recording Available

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Hi Kailey,

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Good afternoon USCCB,

Please see e-mail below from the Refugee Programs Director.

Thank you,

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Dear Colleagues,

On Monday, May 15th, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) held a national engagement on how to create a [USCIS online account](#), to help eligible Afghan nationals prepare for a new re-parole application process. In addition to the information provided about the myUSCIS account, information about ORR benefits and services, including legal services for Afghan arrivals was also shared during the engagement. A [video recording](#) of that engagement is now available in USCIS' [Electronic Reading Room](#). USCIS anticipates posting additional video resources in the near future, so please check back regularly.

Beginning in early June, Afghan parolees who arrived in the U.S. through OAW and other means will be able to apply for re-parole and employment authorization online and via paper under a [new streamlined application process](#). USCIS encourages OAW parolees to create a USCIS online account now to prepare for online filing, once available, as well as to [update their address](#), and for those who have not already, to consider applying for more permanent immigration status, such as [asylum and special immigrant visa-based lawful permanent residence](#).

As a reminder, eligibility for ORR-funded services extends to Afghan parolees, including those granted re-parole under the new re-parole process beginning in June, as well as Afghan refugees, asylees, Special Immigrants, and other ORR eligible populations (see ORR [Policy Letters 16-01](#) and [22-02](#) for more details). TPS holders are not eligible for certain Afghan parolee benefits if their parole lapses. ORR is considering policy related to the expiration of parole; please stay tuned.

Please share these resources broadly with your partners and stakeholders working with Afghan arrivals, including Unaccompanied and Attached Afghan Minors, and look for more information from USCIS regarding future engagements on the re-parole application process for Afghan nationals.

Kindly,

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