



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to inform social services districts (districts) that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) recently announced that certain non-citizens can request re-parole based on urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit under Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) through a new streamlined process. The guidance in this GIS is for informational purposes only.

Effective immediately, the following non-citizens are eligible to file [Form I-131, Application for Travel Document](#), online:

- Non-citizens requesting parole based on urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit for an individual outside the United States (U.S.), who are not seeking initial parole under a USCIS family reunification parole process (i.e., [Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program](#), [Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program](#), or [Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program](#)); or
- Non-citizens already paroled in the U.S. who are requesting a new period of parole, or re-parole, to remain in the U.S.

In addition, Afghan nationals paroled into the U.S. on or after July 31, 2021, with an Operation Allies Refuge (OAR) or Paroled (non-Cuban or Haitian) (PAR) class of admission can apply for an additional two-year period of parole, or re-parole, and for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) (or EAD renewal). The new streamlined and fee-exempted application process is available only to self-filers through the [USCIS online account](#) or by filing a [paper application](#).

For more information about the streamlined re-parole application process for Afghan parolees, districts may refer to the [Re-Parole Process for Certain Afghans](#) webpage.

For guidance on determining Temporary Assistance (TA) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for Afghan nationals, districts should refer to [GIS 21 TA/DC071](#), [GIS 22 TA/DC049](#), and [GIS 23 TA/DC006](#).

As a reminder, in accordance with [13-ADM-07](#), when determining TA and/or SNAP eligibility, districts must use the SAVE system to verify a non-citizen's immigration documentation. Benefits must not be delayed, denied, reduced, or terminated, pending verification of the non-citizen/s documentation through the SAVE system. If all other factors of eligibility have been established and the non-citizen is otherwise eligible, benefits must be granted while awaiting a response from the SAVE system.

In instances where a non-citizen applies for TA and/or SNAP and is denied because they are unable to provide immigration documentation that supports a non-citizen status that would be satisfactory for benefit eligibility, districts are encouraged to direct those non-citizens to contact their immigration attorney and/or call the New York State Office for New Americans (ONA) hotline: 1-800-566-7636.