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# I-131, Application for Travel Documents, Parole Documents, and Arrival/Departure Records

**i ALERT:** On Feb. 27, 2024, we [announced](#) a process for eligible Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members to apply for re-parole so they can continue to temporarily remain in the United States.

We encourage eligible Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members to submit their re-parole requests to us no earlier than **180 days (6 months) before the expiration of their current period of parole**. You can find your parole expiration date on your [Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record](#), issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection when you were paroled into the United States.

Filing during this window reduces the risk that your current period of parole and employment authorization will expire before you receive a decision on your re-parole request. **If you submit a request for re-parole more than 180 days before the expiration of your current period of parole, we may reject or deny your re-parole application without refunding the filing fees.** Please note that filing earlier than 180 days before your current parole expiration date will not result in a faster decision.

Use this form to apply for travel documents, parole documents, or arrival/departure records.

## ***Travel Documents***

You may use this form to apply for a reentry permit, refugee travel document, TPS travel authorization document, advance parole document, or advance permission to travel for Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) long-term residents.

If we approve your Form I-131 and you are a Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiary in the United States who wishes to travel outside the United States, we will issue you Form I-512T, Authorization for Travel by a Noncitizen to the United States.

If we approve your Form I-131 and your initial application for TPS (Form I-821) is still pending, we will issue you a Form I-512L, Advance Parole Document.

If you are a TPS beneficiary or have a pending initial TPS application, you should carefully read the Form I-131 Instructions. These instructions explain certain risks you may face if you are outside the United States while we are considering your TPS re-registration or initial application, such as missing important requests for evidence or other notices or being denied TPS while you are outside the United States.

For information on travel documents, including potential immigration-related consequences of traveling outside the United States, see our [Travel Documents](#) page. If you are in the United States and you have an urgent need to travel outside the United States, see our [Expedite Requests](#) page and [Emergency Travel](#) page.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will determine at its discretion during inspection whether you may be admitted into TPS. You may be admitted into TPS if you travel and return in accordance with your TPS travel authorization, your TPS remains valid, and you are not inadmissible for certain criminal or security grounds that are mandatory ineligibility grounds for TPS. **Note that if you were previously granted parole, this admission will render you ineligible for a new period of parole (re-parole).**

If you file this form to request advance permission to travel for CNMI long-term residents, and you leave the CNMI without having an advance permission to travel document, your status will automatically terminate.

### ***Initial Parole Documents***

You may use this form to apply for parole into the United States for yourself or someone else who is an alien and who is currently outside the United States based on urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. A parole request from outside the United States may fall under an existing program or process, such as the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program, parole under the Immigrant Military Members and Veterans Initiative, or the Family Reunification Task Force (FRTF) process. Your initial parole document may be a boarding foil that is placed in your passport, or it may be a Form I-512L travel document.

### ***Arrival/Departure Records for Parole in Place***

If you are an alien who is currently inside the United States and you are present without having been admitted, you may use this form to apply for parole in place based on urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit, including requests for military parole in place and the FRTF process.

### ***Arrival/Departure Records for Re-Parole***

If you are an alien who is inside the United States, who was previously granted parole, and who needs an additional period of parole, then you may use this form to apply for re-parole based on urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit. If we authorize your re-parole, you will be issued a Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record with a new Admit Until Date or Parole Until Date.

Generally, the DHS component that initially authorized parole has jurisdiction over any request for re-parole, unless DHS or USCIS provides alternate filing instructions. Please see the [Memorandum of Agreement between USCIS, ICE, and CBP](#) for more information about each agency's jurisdiction over re-parole requests. Form I-131 includes filing instructions for specific types of re-parole requests processed by USCIS.

Your re-parole request may fall under an existing program or process, such as for those who were initially paroled under the family reunification parole processes, certain Afghans paroled into the United States after July 31, 2021, certain Ukrainians paroled into the United States after Feb. 24, 2022, the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program, Immigrant Military Members and Veterans Initiative, Central American Minors Program, FRTF Process, or military parole in place.

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### Forms and Document Downloads

- [Form I-131 \(PDF, 642.87 KB\)](#)
- [Instructions for Form I-131 \(PDF, 695.25 KB\)](#)

### Edition Date

01/20/25. As of March 4, 2025, the currently effective version is the 01/20/25 edition. You can find the edition date at the bottom of the page on the form and instructions.

Dates are listed in mm/dd/yy format.

If you complete and print this form to mail it, make sure that the form edition date and page numbers are visible at the bottom of all pages and that all pages are from the same form edition. If any of the form's pages are missing or are from a different form edition, we may reject your form.

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