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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Immigration Parole Fee

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding the implementation of the new immigration parole fee, as established in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.-1).¹

Background

Section 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to parole an alien seeking admission into the United States temporarily for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. Such decisions are entirely discretionary in nature, made on a case-by-case basis, and may impose conditions on parole as prescribed by the Secretary.

On July 4, 2025, the President signed H.R.-1, which establishes the assessment and collection of the immigration parole fee. All aliens paroled into the United States are required to pay the immigration parole fee, in addition to any other fee, unless an exception applies.²

On October 16, 2025, DHS published a Federal Register notice (FRN) implementing the immigration parole fee.³ USCIS is now updating its guidance to include information about this fee and how it will be collected. This guidance, contained in Volume 3 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately and applies to any alien paroled into the United States on or after October 16, 2025, regardless of when the parole request was filed.

The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

Policy Highlights

- Summarizes the information from the October 16, 2025 FRN about the imposition and collection of the immigration parole fee.

¹ See H.R.1—One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.-1), Subtitle A, Title X of [Pub. L. 119-21](#) (July 4, 2025).

² See Section 100004 of H.R.1—One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.-1), Subtitle A, Title X of [Pub. L. 119-21](#), 139 Stat. 72, 367-68 (July 4, 2025), codified at [8 U.S.C. 1804](#).

³ See [90 FR 48317](#) (Oct. 16, 2025).

- Specifies that an alien does not submit payment of the immigration parole fee with the parole request, but upon notification by DHS that he or she is subject to the fee, because the October 16, 2025 FRN requires payment of the fee each time an alien is granted parole, unless an exception applies.
- Explains that the agency that collects the immigration parole fee is the one that issues the final determination granting parole, as described in the October 16, 2025 FRN.
- Explains that the October 16, 2025 FRN requires that each time an alien is granted parole under INA 212(d)(5)(A), including initial parole from outside the United States, parole in place, re-parole, or parole from DHS custody, the alien must pay the immigration parole fee, unless an exception applies.
- Explains that the alien requesting parole has the burden of proving that an exception to the immigration parole fee applies in his or her case, and that evidence of the exception should be submitted at the time the parole request is made.

Summary of Changes

Affected Section: Volume 3 > Part F > Chapter 1 > Section A, Purpose

- Adds new third paragraph.

Affected Section: Volume 3 > Part F > Chapter 1 > Section B, Background

- Deletes the first two paragraphs.
- Revises language in third paragraph and adds new fourth paragraph.

Affected Section: Volume 3 > Part F > Chapter 1 > Section C, Immigration Parole Fee

- Adds new Section C (Immigration Parole Fee).

Affected Section: Volume 3 > Part F > Chapter 1 > Section D, Legal Authorities

- Redesignates former Section C (Legal Authorities), as new Section D (Legal Authorities) and continues to reserve that Section.

USCIS may also make other minor technical, stylistic, and conforming changes consistent with this update.

Citation

Volume 3: Humanitarian Protection and Parole, Part F, Parolees, Chapter 1, Purpose and Background [[3 USCIS-PM F.1](#)].