

# AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA (SIV)

## Application Process before July 20, 2022

For Afghan Nationals within the United States seeking Special Immigrant Status, as eligible based on qualifying work by or on behalf of the U.S. Government or International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

### Step 1

#### Chief Of Mission (COM) Application

##### Required Documents:

- Human Resources letter verifying at least 1 year of employment and applicant's duties working for or on behalf of the US Government or International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan
- Recommendation Letter from Supervisor
- Form DS-157, Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application
- Evidence of Afghan nationality
- Statement of threats received as a consequence of your employment
- Employee badge(s)
- Biographic data

**File By Mail**  
**No USCIS Filing Fee**  
**Estimated Timeline:**  
**1-10+ months**

### Step 2

#### I-360 Petition

##### Required Documents:

- A completed Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant
- Passport biographical page or tazkera
- Recommendation Letter from supervisor
- COM Approval Notice
- I-94 Record
- English translation for any document not in English
- Certificates of translation for all translated documents

**File By Email or Mail**  
**No USCIS Filing Fee**  
**Estimated Timeline:**  
**1-2 months**

### Step 3

#### I-485 Application

##### Required Documents:

- Form I-485, Application to Register for Permanent Residence or Adjust Status
- I-360 Approval Notice (Form I-797C)
- Government- issued photo ID (EAD, Passport biographical page, etc.)
- Tazkera or birth certificate
- Passport page with parole stamp
- I-94 Record
- Two passport style photographs
- Medical examination (I-693 Form: if already completed on base, include a copy if available)
- Proof of relationship for spouse (marriage certificate) and children (birth certificate)
- English translation for all foreign language documents
- Certificate of translation for all translated documents

**File By Mail**  
**No USCIS Filing Fee**  
**Estimated Timeline:**  
**3-8 months**