

AFFIRMITIVE ASYLUM

For Afghan Nationals within the United States

Step 1

Find Legal Assistance

It is strongly advised that you find an attorney or DOJ accredited representative to assist you with applying for asylum.

Asylum is a very complicated and difficult process; and it is very important that you seek qualified legal assistance to avoid the risk of an asylum application denial.

Step 2

File Affirmative Asylum Application

Required documents:

- I-589 Form, Application for Asylum
- G-28 Form, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney of Record – if applicable
- Cover letter
- Evidence packet
- Applicant declaration
- Country conditions
- Identification:
 - Copy of each page of applicant's passports
 - I-94
 - Other travel or identification documents
- Proof of relationship:
 - Copy of birth certificate for derivative applicants
 - Copy of marriage certificate if applicable
- 1 passport-style photo of each applicant
- English translation for any document not in English
- Certificates of translation for all translated documents
- 2 additional copies of all documents

Step 3

Receive an Interview Notice

You will receive an interview notice in the mail with the date, location, and time of your in-person asylum interview.

Step 4

Attend In-Person Interview with USCIS Asylum Officer

You and any other derivative applicant (spouse, children) must all be present for your scheduled in-person interview with a USCIS Asylum Officer.

The interview will take place at an assigned USCIS office.

You may bring an attorney or accredited representative.

USCIS will offer to provide an interpreter through telephone, however you may bring your own interpreter to the interview.

Step 5

Receive Asylum Decision

You will receive a final decision from USCIS of whether or not you are granted asylum.

If the Asylum Officer does not believe you qualify for asylum, they may issue a Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID). The NOID allows you the opportunity to submit additional information to strengthen your case before a final decision is made.

You may track your case status here: egov.uscis.gov/case-status

File by Mail or Online USCIS Account
*No USCIS Filing Fee

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In-Person

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