

Consular services are no longer available in Kabul.

U.S. citizens still in Afghanistan should:

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security updates and ensure they can be located in an emergency.
- Review your personal security plans.
- Be aware of your surroundings and local security developments at all times.
- Keep a low profile.
- Notify a trusted person of your travel and movement plans.
- Make contingency plans to leave when it is safe to do so that do not rely on U.S. government assistance.
- Monitor local media.

This includes interviews and completion of previously-interviewed cases for any category of visa, including Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs), in Afghanistan. However, we are developing processing alternatives so that we can continue to deliver this important service for the people of Afghanistan who have served alongside our military forces.

We will continue to prioritize SIV applications at every stage of the SIV process. At the applicant's request, we will transfer cases to other U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world. This effort is of the utmost importance to the U.S. Government.

Afghan nationals with pending SIV applications should follow the guidance available here. After the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has approved the applicant's petition and the applicant becomes eligible for an interview, applicants should notify the National Visa Center (NVC) at this [NVC](#) if they are able to travel to another immigrant visa processing post outside of Afghanistan ([search here](#)). The NVC will then assist the applicant to transfer their case to that location for an interview. If the SIV applicant is currently outside of Afghanistan, they should contact the National Visa Center at this link to have their case transferred to an U.S. Embassy or Consulate of the applicant's choice that has an immigrant visa processing unit. Finally, Afghans who are applying for a non-SIV immigrant visa and are able to travel to another immigrant visa processing post should use this [link](#) to request a case transfer.

Afghan nationals who are eligible for the SIV program, and who have not yet done so, are encouraged to submit one complete application package to NVC

([AfghanSIVapplication@state.gov](mailto:AfghanSIVapplication@state.gov)) to facilitate processing in an expeditious manner. Please refer to [Special Immigrant Visas for Afghans – Who Were Employed by/on Behalf of the U.S. Government \(state.gov\)](#) for more information regarding the SIV process and who to contact with questions.

Immigrant visa applicants, including SIV applicants, should continue monitoring official U.S. Government websites, including [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov), for updated information. If there are instructions pertaining to your individual SIV or immigrant visa petition, the U.S. government will contact you separately.

Please find additional SIV resources below:

- If the applicant has not yet received Chief of Mission (COM) approval for their SIV application and have questions on how to receive COM approval, the applicant should contact NVC at [AfghanSIVApplication@state.gov](mailto:AfghanSIVApplication@state.gov).
- If the applicant has received COM approval for your SIV application and have questions regarding the filing of your official Form I-360 petition, they should contact the USCIS Nebraska Service Center at [sivtranslator.nsc@dhs.gov](mailto:sivtranslator.nsc@dhs.gov).
- If the applicant has an approved Form I-360 petition and has questions regarding their case status, they should contact the NVC at [NVCSIV@state.gov](mailto:NVCSIV@state.gov).
- If the applicant has questions about their SIV interview, they should contact NVC at <https://nvc.state.gov/inquiry> or the U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside of Afghanistan nearest to you. You can find a list of our U.S. Embassies and Consulates at <http://www.usembassy.gov>.
- If you would like information about SIV resettlement benefits and post-arrival services, please contact the Refugee Processing Center at [SIV@wrapsnet.org](mailto:SIV@wrapsnet.org).
- If an interested party is a supervisor (or former supervisor) of an SIV applicant and would like to submit additional information in support of the pending visa application, please contact [SIV-Veterans-Support@state.gov](mailto:SIV-Veterans-Support@state.gov).

