Information for Afghan Allies Seeking Refuge

Do you or a friend need help getting to the United States from Afghanistan? The information below can help you make a plan. While Combined Arms does not have direct expertise in travel or immigration, we've compiled a list of links to important announcements directly from official sources, including the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. Many of these announcements can be viewed in English, Dari, and Pashto. We hope this will help your decision making process.

- The U.S. Embassy urges **U.S. citizens** to leave Afghanistan immediately using available commercial flight options.
  - The U.S. Embassy can provide a repatriation loan for U.S. citizens who cannot afford at this time to purchase a commercial ticket to the United States.

- Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2021 Signed Into Law
  - All cases that were erroneously denied Chief of Mission approval will be reopened.
  - Service requirement reduced from 2 years to 1 year.
  - Medical exams may be postponed until after arrival in the USA.
  - “Sensitive and Trusted” requirement removed
  - Surviving spouses and children of eligible deceased U.S. employees may be granted SIV status.
  - Increases total authorized visas by 8,000
  - [The Bill](https://www.usembassy.gov)
  - [Evacuations from Afghanistan: What is the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program?](https://www.usembassy.gov)
  - [What does the new SIV law mean for me?](https://www.usembassy.gov)
• Evacuations - Operations Allies Refuge
  o Those that are in the final stages of their SIV application may be eligible for evacuation.
  o Operation Allies Refuge
  o Afghanistan (SIV) Relocation FAQ | US Embassy in Afghanistan

• U.S. Refugee Admissions Program Priority 2 Designation for Afghan Nationals
  o If you are ineligible for SIV due to lack of service time or qualifying employment, this program may be best for you.
  o US Refugee Admissions Program Priority 2 Designation for Afghan Nationals
  o SIV/Iraqi & Syrian P-2 — Refugee Processing Center
  o Information for Afghan Nationals Regarding Priority 2 (P-2) Designation Background The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)
  o Instructions for US-based Media Organizations/NGOs to Submit Referrals Priority 2 Designation for Afghan Nationals

Please feel free to share this document with any friends, family members, or clients that have questions. I hope it helps.

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