

VISA AND REFUGEE RESOURCES FOR AFGHAN PROSECUTORS (UPDATE 3 FEB 2024)

*Please know that APA and PFP cannot provide immigration legal advice, please refer to our immigration resource page for organizations that do this. **

RELOCATION

PFP is dedicated to re-locating at-risk Afghan prosecutors to safe countries willing to admit them. Each country has its own requirements and processes. PFP can only support lawful immigration.

Countries that have been helped prosecutors since the fall of Kabul in 2021 include the USA, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Portugal, Spain, and the UK.

PFP is not aware of any country that has designated Afghan prosecutors as a group meriting special admissions. PFP and its founding organizations work on this every day.

All countries require you to have an **Afghan passport** and some countries required you to register with **UNHCR** for a referral. Many countries continue to offer Afghans options through regular immigration programs involving education, employment, specific skills, family reunification and investment.

Many applications are submitted by email. **Try not to change your email to avoid losing contact with those managing these processes.** If you do change your email, please notify those managing these processes.

COUNTRY NOTES

USA

The USA has not designated any special refugee programs for Afghan prosecutors.

Some Afghan prosecutors with close U.S. Military ties or U.S. Embassy ties may qualify for the **SIV** (a special visa program) or the **USRAP P1** program (a priority refugee program). Please go to [Afghanevac.org](https://afghanevac.org) to learn more about both programs.

PFP has been advised to expect **at least 2 years and longer** from application to relocation for Afghan applicants for SIV and P1 programs. **Both programs only relocate applicants in the order the application was received and when steps in the process are completed.**

Moving to a third country is not advised by these programs unless you have the funds to support your family for many years.

For prosecutors, both processes require referral by a US government official. Did your application include this requirement?

**HOW TO TELL WHERE PROSECUTORS ARE IN THE USA SIV AND P1 PROCESSING PATHS
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SIV	P1
<p>You submitted your application package to NVC (DS 157, ID Badge, Tazkira, HR letter, Supervisor recommendation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be a military prosecutor. - Who is your U.S. military supervisor? - NVC will only speak with you or your supervisor. 	<p>A senior official has referred your application for P1 refugee status to PRM</p>
<p>*The US government is currently advising you to stay in Afghanistan until they confirm a move to a third country is necessary*</p>	<p>*The US government is currently advising you to stay in Afghanistan if you can*</p> <p>If you travel to a third country, you must notify PRM</p>
<p>You are assigned an NVC or other number</p>	<p>PRM issues you an ARR number.</p>
<p>NVC assigned you a KBL case number (you now have COM approval)</p>	<p>PRM assigns you to an RSC with issuance of a PK or TU or similar case number associated with 1 of 7 RSC's.</p>
<p>You completed DS 260 for you and your family.</p>	
<p>* Family is only you plus 1 spouse plus unmarried children under 21. *</p>	<p>* Family is only you plus 1 spouse plus unmarried children under 21. *</p>
<p>Applicants with an approved I-360 petition, who are ready to schedule their SIV interview at a U.S. embassy or consulate outside Afghanistan, should reach out to NVC NVCSIV@state.gov to have their case reassigned.</p>	<p>Your RSC will conduct pre-screening and coordinate with security vetting</p>
<p>You are scheduled for your visa interview at an embassy/consulate</p>	<p>You are scheduled for an interview with a roving USCIS team</p>
	<p>You have passed your USCIS interview</p>
<p>You and family members have completed a medical exam. *A positive TB test will pause the process for 6 months*</p>	<p>You undergo an IOM medical exam. *A positive TB test will pause the process for 6 months*</p>
<p>You have passed your in-person interview</p>	
<p>CEAC status shows "refused" (don't panic, that shows approval is pending more steps, like security vetting) https://ceac.state.gov/CEACStatTracker/Status.aspx?App=IV</p>	<p>You are scheduled for travel</p>

Security vetting occurs and all forms complete	Each person's identify is re-verified prior boarding
Visa issued , you may travel to the USA	You may travel to the USA
	CBP determines final admission at a US Border station (e.g., in an airport)
Only you or your U.S. military official supervisor can check status	Only you or your senior official can check status

COUNTRIES ADMITTING AFGHAN PROSECUTORS

Country	Special Afghan Program	Regular Refugee Program	Regular Immigration Program
Australia	https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/afghanistan-update		
Brazil	https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-teera/english/humanitarian-visa-for-afghan-citizens		
Canada	https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan.html		
Germany	https://www.kabulluftbruecke.de/en/		
Ireland	https://www.irishimmigration.ie/the-afghan-admission-programme-information-page/		
Portugal			https://aima.gov.pt/pt
Spain			
UK	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/afghan-citizens-resettlement-scheme		

Country Comments

Australia

Australia has allocated 26,500 humanitarian visas through 2026 and offers additional visa options to Afghans through regular immigration programs. <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and->

[support/afghanistan-update](#). 15, 852 visas have already been granted under this program. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2024/jan/17/australia-urged-to-speed-up-visas-for-afghan-women-who-fear-being-sent-back-to-taliban-rule>.

Brazil

Brazil has an existing humanitarian visa program for Afghan citizens. It has been temporarily suspended. <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-teera/english/humanitarian-visa-for-afghan-citizens>.

Canada

Canada has advised PFP and NGOs that they have filled their special Afghan quota. <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/10/canada-meets-commitment-to-welcome-40000-vulnerable-afghans.html> Canada offers other avenues for Afghan immigrants through their regular immigration programs, including group and family sponsorships, employment visas, student visas, and francophone visas. <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan.html>

Germany

Germany has a well-publicized and organized Federal Admissions Program that has been moving very slowly, with only 188 admissions recently relocated from Pakistan since the fall of Kabul 2 years ago. <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/53758/first-afghans-leave-pakistan-on-longawaited-flight-to-germany>. Kabul Luftbruecke is a source of information for the program. <https://www.kabulluftbruecke.de/en/>

Ireland

Ireland's Afghanistan Admission Program is currently closed. <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/the-afghan-admission-programme-information-page/>

Portugal

Portugal has made efforts to rescue women Afghans at risk, including members of the national football league. <https://www.newsweek.com/afghanistan-girls-soccer-team-their-54-family-members-granted-asylum-portugal-1631334>, Immigration inquiries are managed by <https://aima.gov.pt/pt>. PFP is not aware of any special Portuguese programs for Afghan prosecutors.

Spain

Spain has admitted a small group of women judges and prosecutors: <https://www.voanews.com/a/afghan-women-prosecutors-once-seen-as-symbols-of-democracy-find-asylum-in-spain-/6945140.html>. PFP is not aware of any special Spanish programs for Afghan prosecutors currently.

UK

The UK has relocated many of the Afghans formerly supporting the UK mission in Afghanistan. In 2022, they announced the creation of an additional path for Afghans at special risk. That path is currently closed: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/afghan-citizens-resettlement-scheme>

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