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Current Language	Proposed Language
P. 2 Refugee Travel Document	New subsection B to be added:  B. If you are outside of the United States and  1. have valid refugee or asylee status, or 2. you are a permanent resident as a direct result of your refugee or asylee status in the United States, you may be permitted to file Form I-131 and apply for a Refugee Travel Document. The USCIS Overseas District Director with jurisdiction over your location makes this decision,  Applicants should only seek to file a Form I-131 application for a Refugee Travel Document if they are able to demonstrate that an emergent situation led them to depart the United States without first seeking the appropriate travel documents.
P 2. Refugee Travel Document  WARNING to asylees who travel to the country of claimed persecution: If you applied for asylum on or after April 1, 1997, your asylum status may be terminated if the Government determines that you have voluntarily availed yourself of the protection of your country of claimed persecution. See section 208(c)(2)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 158 (c)(2)(D).	P 2. Refugee Travel Document <b>WARNING</b> to asylees who travel to the country of claimed persecution: If you applied for asylum on or after April 1, 1997, your asylum status may be terminated if the Government determines that you have voluntarily availed yourself of the protection of your country of claimed persecution. See section 208(c)(2)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1158 (c)(2)(D).
P 6. Where to File? E-Filing Form I-131 Certain Form I-131 filings may be electronically filed (e-filed) with USCIS. View our website at www.uscis.gov for a list of who is eligible to e-file this form and instructions	Where to File? E-Filing Form I-131 Certain Form I-131 filings may be electronically filed (efiled) with USCIS. View our website at <a href="www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> for a list of who is eligible to e-file this form and instructions  Paper Filing of Form I-131 Please note that the filing locations for the paper version of this form are subject to change. Read the instructions carefully to determine where you must send your paper application.  The filing addresses provided on this form reflect the most current information as of the date this form was last printed.
1. Travel Documents  If you are applying for a Refugee  Travel Document based on your	If you are filing for: Humanitarian Parole (HP):

refugee or asylum status or you are a permanent resident as a direct result of your refugee or asylee status in the United States, file your I-131 with the Nebraska Service Center at the below address:

USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87131 Lincoln, NE 68501-7131

#### 2. Reentry Permits

If you are a lawful permanent resident or a conditional permanent resident and are applying for a Re-entry Permit, file your Form I-131 with the Nebraska Service Center a the address below:

USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87131
Lincoln, NE 68501-7131

If you are a beneficiary outside the United States making the request on humanitarian grounds, of a Private Bill, or in removal proceedings (See Form I-131, Part 2. Application Type "d", "e" or "f"), file your applications at the USCIS Dallas Lockbox facility:

#### **USCIS Dallas Lockbox**

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:

USCIS PO Box 660865 Dallas, TX 75266

For Express mail and courier deliveries:

USCIS Attn: HP 2501 S. State Hwy. 121, Business Suite 400 Lewisville, TX 75067

#### 3. Advance Parole

A. For Form I-485 filed with USCIS Chicago Lockbox Facility:
Submit Form I-131 either concurrently with Form I-485 or alone to the same address you used to file your I-485. (A complete list of the adjustment —of-status applications filed with USCIS Chicago Lockbox Facility is found on Form I-485.)

USCIS Chicago Lockbox Addresses:

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:

USCIS PO Box 805887 Chicago, IL 60680-4120

For private courier (non-USPS) deliveries:

<mark>USCIS</mark> Attn: AOS

131 South Dearborn- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60603-5517

B. For Form I-485 filed for battered spouses and children: If you are filing as a battered or

Applicant covered under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act (HRIFA):

If you are either the dependent spouse or child of a HRIFA principal or a HRIFA principal who has Form I-485 pending, or

If you are a dependent spouse or a dependent child of a principal HRIFA applicant and are seeking advance parole to enter the United States to file for adjustment of status as a permanent resident, then file your application at the USCIS Dallas Lockbox facility. See address below.

#### **USCIS Dallas Lockbox**

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:

USCIS PO Box 660866 Dallas, TX 75266

For Express mail and courier deliveries:

USCIS Attn: HRIFA 2501 S. State Hwy. 121, Business Suite 400 Lewisville, TX 75067

#### **Battered Spouse/Children:**

If you are filing as a battered or abused spouse or child

abused spouse or child and you are filing Form I-131 concurrently with Form I-485, send both forms to the address you will use to file Form I-485. If you are requesting advance parole, based on a pending Form I-485, file your Form I-131 using the same address as you used to file Form I-485.

### C. For Special Immigrant International Employees:

If you are a special immigrant international organization employee or eligible relative, and you are applying for advance parole concurrently with Form I-485, use the filing address listed on Form I-485 for both forms. If you are filing Form I-131 based on a pending Form I-485, file Form I-131 with the Nebraska Service Center using the following address:

USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87131

Lincoln, NE 68501-7131

## D. For aliens granted refugee or asylee status who have filed or will file I-485:

If you have been granted refugee or asylee status and you are applying for advance parole concurrently with Form I-485, use the filing address listed on Form I-485 for both forms. If you are filing Form I-131 based on a pending Form I-485, file Form I-131 with the Service Center where your Form I-485 is pending. (See addresses to the Nebraska and Texas Service Centers below.)

#### E. For Immigrant Investors

If you are an immigrant investor and you are applying for advance parole concurrently with Form I-485, use the filing address listed on Form I-485 for both forms. If you are filing Form I-131 based on a pending Form I-485, file Form I-131 with the Texas Service Center using the following address:

USCIS Texas Service Center P.O. Box 851182

and you are filing Form I-131 concurrently with Form I-485, or, if you are requesting advance parole, based on a pending Form I-485, file all forms with the USCIS Vermont Service Center. See address below.

#### T non-immigrant visa status holders and U nonimmigrant visa status holders:

If you are a T non-immigrant visa status holder or a U non-immigrant visa status holder, and you are filing your Form I-131 **concurrently** with Form I-485, or you are filing your Form I-131 based on a **pending** Form I-485, file Form I-131 with the **USCIS Vermont Service Center**. Include a copy of the I-797C Notice of Action, showing that your I-485 was accepted.

#### **USCIS Vermont Service Center**

USCIS Vermont Service Center ATTN: CRU 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479-0001

#### Individuals with Temporary Protected Status (TPS):

If you are filing for advance parole, and are filing Form I-131, Application for Travel, together with Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, follow the filing instructions for Form I-821.

If you are filing Form I-131 by itself, based on a **pending** or approved Form I-821, file your Form I-131 with the USCIS Vermont Service Center.

USCIS Vermont Service Center Attn: I-131 75 Lower Welden Street

St. Albans, VT 05479-0001

#### For Surviving Spouses:

If you are the surviving spouse of a U.S. citizen who died before the second anniversary of your marriage, or you are the qualified child of a surviving spouse, and you have been granted deferred action (or included in your parent's deferred action grant letter), you must file your Form I-131 at the USCIS Vermont Service Center.

**USCIS Vermont Service Center** 

Attn: Deferred Action-Surviving Spouse of a Deceased

U.S. Citizen

75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479

#### Mesquite, TX 75185-1182

# F. For applicants covered under the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act (HRIFA):

If you are either the dependent spouse or child of a HRIFA principal or a HRIFA principal who has Form I-485 pending, you may file your Form I-131 using the following address:
USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87245
Lincoln, NE 68501-7245

For dependent spouse or dependent child covered under the Haitian Refugee Fairness Act (HRIFA) outside the United States: If you are the spouse or child of a principal HRIFA applicant and are seeking advance parole to enter the United States to file for adjustment of status as a permanent resident, you may file your form I-131 using the following address:

USCIS Nebraska Service Center P.O. Box 87245 Lincoln, NE 68501-7131

#### Advance Parole Based on Pending I-485:

You may submit Form I-131 either alone or concurrently with Form I-485. If you are filing form I-131 concurrently with form I-485, file it according to the filing instructions for the Form I-485.

If your Form I-485 is **pending** and you are now filing Form I-131, review the I-797C Notice of Action you received in the mail for your I-485. If your application receipt number begins with **MSC or does not have three letters at the beginning of the receipt number**, file your Form I-131 application at the USCIS Chicago Lockbox facility.

If your I-797C Receipt number begins with EAC or SRC, file your Form I-131 at the USCIS Dallas Lockbox facility.

If your I-797C Receipt number begins with LIN or WAC, file your Form I-131 at the USCIS Phoenix Lockbox facility. See chart.

NOTE: If you are filing Form I-131 based on a **pending** Form I-485, include a copy of the I-797C, Notice of Action, which shows your Form I-485 was accepted.

If the I-797C "Notice of Action" receipt number for acceptance of the primary petition or application begins with:	Then mail your application to:
MSC or does not have a 3- letter code at the beginning of the receipt number	USCIS Chicago Lockbox For U.S. Postal Service:  USCIS P.O Box 805887 Chicago, IL 60680-4120  For Express mail and courier deliveries:  USCIS Attn: FBAS 131 S. Dearborn-3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
EAC or SRC	Chicago, IL 60680  USCIS Dallas Lockbox For U.S. Postal Service:  USCIS PO Box 660867 Dallas, TX 75266  For Express Mail and courier deliveries:  USCIS Attn: AOS 2501 S. State Hwy. 121, Business Suite 400 Lewisville, TX 75067
LIN or WAC	USCIS Phoenix Lockbox

For U.S. Postal Service: USCIS P.O. Box 21281 Phoenix, AZ 85036 For Express mail and courier deliveries: **USCIS** Attn: AOS 1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85034 **New section after first filing chart:** If you are seeking to file a Form I-131 at an overseas Embassy or Consulate, you must appear in person at the Embassy or Consulate to request pre-authorization. If the Overseas District Director with jurisdiction over your location determines that you may file the Form I-131, you must file the application and pay the fee at the Embassy or Consulate, either in person or by mail. You will be required to appear at the Embassy or Consulate for biometric collection as well. If you are currently in removal proceedings or have been

previously removed from the United States, you will need to submit your request to:

Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of International Affairs

Attn: Section Chief, Law Enforcement Parole Branch 800 N. Capitol Street

Washington, D.C. 20536

# G. For T nonimmigrant visa status holders and U nonimmigrant visa status holders:

If you are a T nonimmigrant visa status holder or a U nonimmigrant visa status holder, and you are filing your Form I-131concurrently with Form I-485, or you are filing your Form I-131 based on a pending Form I-485, file Form I-131 with the Vermont Service Center using the following address: USCIS Vermont Service Center 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479

## All Other Form I-131 Filings, including Re-entry Permits:

If you are filing Form I-131 based on a category not previously mentioned, then file your Form I-131 with either the <u>USCIS Phoenix Lockbox or Dallas Lockbox facility</u>, based on where you live. See Chart.

If you live in :	File your application at the:
Alaska, Arizona,	USCIS Phoenix Lockbox
California, Colorado,	For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:
Guam, Hawaii, Idaho,	•
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa.	USCIS
Kansas, Michigan,	PO Box 21281
Minnesota, Missouri,	Phoenix, AZ 85036
Montana, Nebraska,	
Nevada, North Dakota,	For Express mail and courier deliveries:
Ohio, Oregon, South	USCIS
Dakota, Utah,	Attn: AOS
Washington, Wisconsin,	1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S,
or Wyoming	Suite 100
	Phoenix, AZ 85034
	1 Hochix, AZ 03004
Alabama, Arkansas,	USCIS Dallas Lockbox filings:
Connecticut, Delaware,	For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:
District of Columbia.	TOF O.S. FOSIGI SCIVICE (OSFS) DELIVERES.
Florida, Georgia,	USCIS
Kentucky, Louisiana,	PO Box 660867
Maine, Maryland,	Dallas, TX 75266
Massachusetts,	Dallas, 1× 73200
Mississippi, New	For Express mail and courier deliveries:
	For Express mail and counter deliveries.
Hampshire, New Jersey,	USCIS
New Mexico, New York,	Attn: AOS
North Carolina,	
Pennsylvania, Puerto	2501 S. State Hwy. 121, Business
Rico, Rhode Island,	Suite 400
South Carolina,	Lewisville, TX 75067
Oklahoma, Tennessee,	
Texas, Vermont, Virginia,	
U.S. Virgin Islands, or	
West Virginia	

#### **E-Notification:**

If you are filing your Form I-131 at one of the USCIS Lockbox facilities, you may elect to receive an email and/or text message notifying you that your application has been accepted. You must complete Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance, and clip it to the first page of your application. To download a copy of Form G-1145, including the instructions, click on the link

	www.uscis.gov "FORMS."
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H, For Surviving Spouses:  If you are the surviving spouse of a	
U.S. citizen who died before the	
second anniversary of your	
marriage, or you are the qualified	
child of a surviving spouse, and	
you have been granted deferred	
action (or included in your paren'ts	
deferred action grant letter), you	
must file your Form I-131 at the following address:	
USCIS Vermont Service Center	
75 Lower Welden Street	
St. Albans, VT 05479  I. For Form I-485 filed at a USCIS	Questions Regarding Form I-131
Service Center including the	For additional information about Form I-131, including how
following:	to file your application or filing locations not mentioned,
1. Based on an underlying Form I-	call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-
140 petition;	800-375-5283 or visit our Web site at www.uscis.gov.
2. Based on an underlying Form I-	
360 petition;	
3. Others not previously	
mentioned. If you are applying for advance	
parole concurrently with Form I-	
485, use the filing address listed	
on Form I-485 for both forms. If	
you are filing Form I-131 based on	
a pending Form I-485, file Form I-	
131 with the Nebraska Service	
Center or Texas Service Center,	
depending on where you live.	
1. Nebraska Service Center filings:	
File your Form I-131 with the	
Nebraska Service Center if you	
live in the following states:	
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii,	
Idaho, Nevada, Illinois,	
Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,	
Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri,	
Montana, Nebraska, North	
Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South	
Dakota, Utah, Washington,	
Wisconsin, or Wyoming.	
USCIS Nebraska Service Center	
P.O. Box 87131	
Lincoln, NE 68501-7131	
2. Taylor Carrier Carrier Silver	
2. Texas Service Center filings: File your Form I-131 with the	
File your Form 1-131 with the	

Texas Service Center if you live in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, U.S. Virgin	
Islands, or West Virginia USCIS Texas Service Center P.O. Box 851182 Mesquite, TX 75185-1182	
J. For individuals with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) If you have been granted Temporary Protected Status and you are applying for advance parole, mail form I-131 to the Vermont Service Center, regardless of where you live in the United States. USCIS Vermont Service Center Att: I-131 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479-0001	
K. For beneficiaries outside the United States making the request on humanitarian grounds, of a Private Bill, or in removal proceedings:	
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Attn: Chief, International Operations Division (Humanitarian Parole) 20 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Room 3300 Washington, DC 20529-2100	
L. Questions Regarding Form I- 131 For additional information about Form I-131, including how to file your application or filing locations not mentioned, call the USCIS National Customer Service Center	

at <b>1-800-375-5283</b> or visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> .	