

**Instruction TOC Form I-131  
Application for Travel Document  
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<b>Page 1, Updated Filing Address Information</b>	<b>Updated Filing Address Information</b> The filing addresses provided on this form reflect the most current information as of the date this form was last printed.....	This information/section has been moved to the “Where To File?” section, under “Filing Addresses,”
<b>Page 1, “What is the Purpose of This Form?”</b>	<p><b>3. Advance Parole Document</b> An advance parole document is issued solely to authorize the temporary parole of a person into the United States.</p> <p>The document may be accepted by a transportation company in lieu of a visa as an authorization for the holder to travel to the United States. An advance parole document is not issued to serve in place of any required passport.</p> <p>Advance parole is an extraordinary measure used sparingly to bring an otherwise inadmissible alien to the United States for a temporary period of time due to a compelling emergency. Advance parole cannot be used to circumvent the normal visa issuing procedures and is not a means to bypass delays in visa issuance.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are in the United States and wish to travel abroad, you do not need to apply for advance parole if both conditions described below in <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> are met:</p> <p><b>A.</b> You are in one of the following nonimmigrant categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An H-1, temporary worker, or H-4, spouse or child of an H-1; <b>or</b></li> <li>2. An L-1, intracompany transferee, or</li> </ol>	<p>Page 1</p> <p><b>3. Advance Parole Document</b> <b>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may, as a matter of discretion, issue an advance parole document to authorize the parole of an alien into the United States. A person who has been “paroled” has not been “admitted” to the U.S. A grant of parole allows a one-time entry for a specific purpose.</b></p> <p><b>See “Who May File Form I-131, Section 3.a., concerning the effect that leaving the United States may have on an alien who has been unlawfully present in the United States.</b></p> <p><b>An alien who has received a valid advance parole document may present the document to a transportation company in lieu of a visa as an authorization for the carrier to transport the alien to a port-of-entry in the United States. An advance parole document may not be used in lieu of any required passport.</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: Issuance of an advance parole document is not a grant of parole, nor does it guarantee that an alien will be paroled upon arrival at a port-of-entry or otherwise permitted to return to the United States. Whether to actually parole the alien or otherwise permit him or her to return to the United States is a decision made, in the exercise of discretion, by DHS at the port-of-entry. Issuance of an advance parole document does not preclude a denial of parole or admission into the United States.</b></p> <p><b>Upon arriving at a port-of-entry, an alien presenting an advance parole document is an applicant for admission, and may be denied admission if he or she is inadmissible under section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) as applicable to the particular alien’s existing immigration status, if any. If parole is denied or terminated, then ,</b></p>

	<p>L-2, spouse or child of an L-1; <b>or</b></p> <p>3. A K-3, spouse, or K-4, child of a U.S. citizen; <b>or</b></p> <p>4. A V-2, spouse, or V-3, child of a lawful permanent resident; <b>and</b></p> <p><b>B.</b> Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, was filed on your behalf and is pending with USCIS.</p> <p>However, upon returning to the United States, you must present your valid H, L, K, or V nonimmigrant visa and continue to remain eligible for that status.</p>	<p><b>unless the alien is admitted into the United States, the alien remains an applicant for admission, regardless of any status the alien may have had before leaving the United States.</b> The alien may also be placed into removal proceedings as an inadmissible alien, rather than as a deportable alien. Certain aliens may also qualify as “arriving aliens” subject to expedited removal, as specified in 8 CFR 1.1. Generally, however, an alien who obtains advance parole while in the United States, and who returns to the United States while the advance parole document is valid, would not be subject to expedited removal.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are in the United States and wish to travel abroad <b>after you file Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status</b>, you do not need to apply for advance parole if you are in one of the following nonimmigrant categories and continue to remain eligible for that status :</p> <p><b>a.</b> An H-1, temporary worker, or H-4, spouse or child of an H-1; <b>or</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> An L-1, intracompany transferee, or L-2, spouse or child of an L-1; <b>or</b></p> <p><b>c.</b> A K-3, spouse, or K-4, child of a U.S. citizen; <b>or</b></p> <p><b>d.</b> A V-2, spouse, or V-3, child of a lawful permanent resident.</p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> Upon returning to the United States, you must present your valid H, L, K, or V nonimmigrant visa and you must continue to remain eligible for that status. <b>If you obtained H, L, K, or V nonimmigrant status while you were in the United States, then you need to obtain a H, L, K, or V nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. Department of State visa issuing post.</b></p> <p><b>4. Humanitarian Parole</b></p> <p><b>Humanitarian</b> parole is an extraordinary measure used sparingly to bring an otherwise inadmissible alien to the United States for a temporary period of time due to a compelling emergency. <b>Humanitarian</b> parole cannot be used to circumvent the normal visa issuing procedures and is not a means to bypass delays in visa issuance.</p>
<p><b>Page 1, Who May File Form I-131?</b></p>	<p><b>1. Reentry Permit</b></p> <p><b>A. If you are in the United States</b> as a permanent resident or conditional permanent resident, you may apply for a re-entry permit. After filing your application for a reentry permit, USCIS will inform you in writing when to go</p>	<p>Page 2,</p> <p><b>1. Re-entry Permit</b></p> <p><b>A. If you are in the United States</b> as a permanent resident or conditional <b>permanent</b> resident, you may apply for a re-entry permit. You must be physically present in the United States when you file the Re-entry Permit application <b>and also for completing the biometrics services requirement.</b> After filing your application for a re-entry permit, USCIS</p>

	<p>to your local Application Support Center (ASC) for your biometrics appointment. (See Biometric Services Requirement.)</p> <p>Departure from the United States before a decision is made on an application for a Reentry Permit usually does not affect the application. <b>However, if biometric collection is required and the applicant departs the United States before the biometrics are collected, the application may be denied.</b></p> <p>With the exception of having to obtain a returning resident visa abroad, a Reentry Permit does not relieve you of any of the requirements of U.S. immigration laws.</p> <p>If you stay outside the United States for less than one year, you are not required to apply for a Reentry Permit. You may reenter the United States on your Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551).</p> <p>If you intend to apply in the future for naturalization, absences from the United States for one year or more will generally break the continuity of your required continuous residence in the United States. If you intend to remain outside the United States for one year or more, you should file Form N-470, Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes. For further information, contact your local USCIS office</p>	<p>will inform you in writing when to go to your local Application Support Center (ASC) for your biometrics <b>services</b> appointment. <b>If biometrics collection is required and if you depart the United States before the biometrics are collected, the application may be denied.</b> (See General Instructions, item number 3, “Biometric Services Requirements.”)</p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> If you requested a Re-entry Permit <b>when filing your application, it</b> may be sent to a U.S. Embassy or consulate or DHS office abroad for you to pick up, if you request it when you file your application.</p> <p>With the exception of having to obtain a returning resident visa abroad, a Re-entry Permit does not relieve you of any of the requirements of U.S. immigration laws.</p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> If you stay outside the United States for less than 1 year, you are not required to apply for a Re-entry Permit. You may reenter the United States on your Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551).</p> <p>If you intend to apply in the future for naturalization, absences from the United States for year or more will generally break the continuity of your required continuous residence in the United States. If you intend to remain outside the United States for year or more, you <b>may be eligible to file</b> Form N-470, Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization Purposes. For further information, contact your local USCIS office.</p>
<p><b>Page 2, Refugee Travel Document</b></p>	<p><b>2. Refugee Travel Document</b></p> <p><b>A. If you are in the United States</b> in valid refugee or asylee status, or if you are a permanent resident as a direct result of your refugee or asylee status in the United States, you may apply for a Refugee Travel Document. Generally, you must have a Refugee Travel Document to return to the United States after temporary travel abroad. After filing your application for a Refugee Travel Document, USCIS will inform you in writing</p>	<p><b>Page 3,</b></p> <p><b>2. Refugee Travel Document</b></p> <p><b>A. If you are in the United States</b> in valid refugee or asylee status, or if you are a permanent resident as a direct result of your refugee or asylee status in the United States, you may apply for a Refugee Travel Document. <b>You should apply for a refugee travel document BEFORE you leave the United States.</b> Departure from the United States before a decision is made on the application for a Refugee Travel Document usually does not affect the application. <b>However, if biometrics collection is required and if you depart the United States before the biometrics are collected, the application may be denied.</b></p>

	<p>when to go to your local USCIS ASC for your biometrics appointment.</p> <p>You should apply for a refugee travel document before you leave the United States. However, a Refugee Travel Document may be sent to a U.S. Embassy or consulate or DHS office abroad for you to pick up, if you request it when you file your application. Departure from the United States before a decision is made on the application for a Refugee Travel Document usually does not affect the application. <b>However, if biometric collection is required and the applicant departs the United States before the biometrics are collected, the application may be denied.....</b></p>	<p>After filing your application for a Refugee Travel Document, USCIS will inform you in writing when to go to your local USCIS ASC for your biometrics <b>services</b> appointment. Generally, you must have a Refugee Travel Document to return to the United States after temporary travel abroad. However, a Refugee Travel Document may be sent to a U.S. Embassy or consulate or DHS office abroad for you to pick up, if you request it when you file your application.</p>
<p><b>Page 3, Who May File Form I-131? Section 3, Advance Parole Document</b></p>	<p><b>3. Advance Parole Document</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>2. B. If you are outside the United States and need to visit the United States temporarily for emergent humanitarian reasons:</b></p> <p>1. You may apply for an Advance Parole Document. However, your application must be based on the fact that you cannot obtain the necessary visa and any required waiver of inadmissibility. Parole under these conditions is granted on a case-by-case basis for temporary entry, according to conditions as prescribed.</p> <p>2. A person in the United States may file this application on your behalf. In so doing, he or she must complete <b>Part 1</b> of the form with information about him or herself.</p> <p><b>C. If you are in the United States and seek advance parole:</b></p> <p>1. You may apply if Form I-485 is pending, and you seek to travel abroad for emergent personal or bona fide business reasons; <b>or</b></p> <p>2. You may apply if you have a pending application for Temporary</p>	<p>Page 4,</p> <p><b>3. Advance Parole Document</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>b. If you are in the United States and seek advance parole, you may apply if:</b></p> <p>1. <b>You have a pending application to adjust status, Form I-485, and you seek to travel abroad for emergent personal or bona fide business reasons; or</b></p> <p>2. <b>You have a pending application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) (Form I-821), or have been granted TPS, or have been granted another immigration status that allows you to return to that status. Whether you are permitted to retain TPS upon your return will depend on whether your absence from the United States was “brief, casual, and innocent” as defined in 8 CFR 244.1. Note also that if you have actually been granted TPS, then section 304(c) of Public Law 102-232, as amended, authorizes DHS to admit you, rather than paroling you, when you return to the United States with an advance parole document.</b></p> <p><b>c. An Advance Parole document may not be issued to you if:</b></p> <p>1. You held J-1 nonimmigrant status and are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement as a result of that status; or</p> <p>2. You are in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings. <b>You may, however, request parole from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). See NOTE below.</b></p>

	<p>Protected Status (Form I-821), or have been granted Temporary Protected Status, or have been granted another immigration status that allows you to return to that status after a brief, casual, and innocent absence (as defined in 8 CFR 244.1) from the United States.</p> <p><b>D. An Advance Parole document may not be issued to you if:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You held J-1 nonimmigrant status and are subject to the 2-year foreign residence requirement as a result of that status; or</li> <li>2. You are in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings.</li> </ol> <p><b>E. If you travel before the advance parole document is issued, your application will be considered abandoned if:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You depart the United States; or</li> <li>2. The person seeking advance parole attempts to enter the United States before a decision is made on the application.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: Do not use this form if you are seeking release from immigration custody and you want to remain in the United States as a parolee. You should contact U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) about your request.</b></p>	<p><b>d. If you travel before the advance parole document is issued, your application will be considered abandoned if:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You depart the United States; or</li> <li>2. The person seeking advance parole attempts to enter the United States before a decision is made on the application.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: Do not use this form if you are seeking release from immigration custody and you want to remain in the United States as a parolee. You should contact ICE about your request.</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><b>4. Humanitarian Parole</b></p> <p><b>If you are outside the United States and need to visit the United States temporarily for emergent humanitarian reasons:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You may apply for a <b>Humanitarian</b> Parole Document. However, your application must be based on the fact that you cannot obtain the necessary visa and any required waiver of inadmissibility. Parole under these conditions is granted on a case-by-case basis for temporary entry, according to conditions as prescribed.</li> <li>b. A person in the United States may file this application on your behalf. <b>This person</b> must complete <b>Part 1</b> of the form with information about him or herself.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note: Do not use this form if you are seeking release from immigration custody and you want to remain in the United States as a parolee. You should contact ICE about your request.</b></p>
		<p>Page 5 New section</p> <p><b>General Instructions</b></p> <p>If you are <b>completing this form</b> on a computer, the data you enter will be captured using 2D barcode technology. This capture will ensure that the data you provide is accurately entered into USCIS systems. As you complete each field, the 2D barcode field at the bottom of each page will shift as data is captured. Upon receipt of your form, USCIS will use the 2D barcode to extract the data from the form. Please <b>do not damage the 2D barcode</b> (e.g., puncture, staple, spill on, write on, etc.) as this could affect the ability of USCIS to timely process your form.</p> <p>Each application must be properly signed and accompanied by the appropriate fee. <b>[See the section entitled "What is the Filing Fee?"]</b> A photocopy of a signed application or a</p>

		<p>typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable.</p> <p>If you are under 14 years of age, your parent or legal guardian may sign the application on your behalf.</p> <p><b>Evidence.</b> You must submit all required initial evidence along with all the supporting documentation with your application at the time of filing. If you are electronically filing this application, you must follow the instructions provided on the USCIS Web site, <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>Biometrics Services Appointment.</b> After receiving your application and ensuring completeness, USCIS will inform you in writing where to go to your local USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) for your biometrics services appointment. Failure to attend the biometrics services appointment may result in denial of your application.</p> <p><b>Copies.</b> Unless specifically required that an original document be filed with an application or petition, a legible photocopy may be submitted. Original documents submitted when not required may remain a part of the record, and will not be automatically returned to you.</p> <p><b>Translations.</b> Any document containing foreign language submitted to USCIS must be accompanied by a full English language translation which the translator has certified as complete and accurate, and by the translator’s certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.</p> <p><b>How To Fill Out Form I-131</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type or print legibly in black ink.</li> <li>2. If extra space is needed to complete any item, attach a continuation sheet, write your name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any), at the top of each sheet of paper, indicate the Part and item number to which your answer refers, and date and sign each sheet.</li> <li>3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If an item is not applicable or the answer is “none”, leave the answer blank.”</li> </ol>
<p><b>Page 4, Step 2. General Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>Step 2. General Requirements</b></p> <p><b>1. Initial Evidence</b></p> <p>A. Reentry Permit.....</p> <p>B. Refugee Travel Document.....</p> <p>C. Advance Parole Document</p> <p>1. <i>If you are in the United States you must attach.....</i></p> <p>...</p>	<p>Page 6</p> <p><b>General Requirements</b></p> <p><b>1. Initial Evidence...</b></p> <p>a.. <b>Re-entry Permit</b></p> <p>b.. <b>Refugee Travel Document...</b></p> <p>c.. <b>Advance Parole Document...</b></p> <p><b>d. . Humanitarian Parole</b></p> <p><i>If you are applying for a person who is outside the United</i></p>

	<p><b>2. If you are applying for a person who is outside the United States, you must attach:</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> A statement of how and by whom medical care, transportation, housing, and other expenses and subsistence needs will be met; and</p> <p><b>b.</b> An Affidavit of Support (Form I-134), with evidence of the sponsor's occupation and ability to provide necessary support; and</p> <p><b>c.</b> A statement explaining why a U.S. visa cannot be obtained, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a visa; and</p> <p><b>d.</b> A statement explaining why a waiver of inadmissibility cannot be obtained to allow issuance of a visa, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a waiver, and a copy of any DHS decision on your waiver request; and</p> <p><b>e.</b> A copy of any decision on an immigrant petition filed for the person, and evidence regarding any pending immigrant petition; and</p> <p><b>f.</b> A complete description of the emergent reasons explaining why advance parole should be authorized and including copies of any evidence you wish considered, and indicating the length of time for which the parole is requested; and</p> <p><b>g.</b> Two completed fingerprint cards (FD-258). You must indicate your Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the fingerprint card and ensure that the completed cards are not bent, folded, or creased. The fingerprint cards must be prepared by a U.S. Embassy or consulate, USCIS office, or U.S. military installation.</p>	<p><b>States, you must attach:</b></p> <p><b>(1)</b> A statement of how and by whom medical care, transportation, housing, and other expenses and subsistence needs will be met; and</p> <p><b>(2)</b> An Affidavit of Support (Form I-134), with evidence of the sponsor's occupation and ability to provide necessary support; and</p> <p><b>(3)</b> A statement explaining why a U.S. visa cannot be obtained, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a visa; and</p> <p><b>(4)</b> A statement explaining why a waiver of inadmissibility cannot be obtained to allow issuance of a visa, including when and where attempts were made to obtain a waiver, and a copy of any DHS decision on your waiver request; and</p> <p><b>(5)</b> A copy of any decision on an immigrant petition filed for the person, and evidence regarding any pending immigrant petition; and</p> <p><b>(6)</b> A complete description of the emergent reasons explaining why humanitarian parole should be authorized and including copies of any evidence you wish considered, and indicating the length of time for which the parole is requested; and</p> <p><b>(7)</b> Two completed fingerprint cards (FD-258). You must indicate your Alien Registration Number (A-Number) on the fingerprint card and ensure that the completed cards are not bent, folded, or creased. The fingerprint cards must be prepared by a U.S. Embassy or consulate, USCIS office, or U.S. military installation.</p>
<p><b>Page 5, Photographs, Section 2 B</b></p>	<p><b>B. If the person seeking advance parole is outside the United States:</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document, and you are outside</p>	<p>Page 7,</p> <p><b>b. If the person seeking humanitarian parole is outside the United States:</b></p> <p><b>1.</b> If you are applying for a Humanitarian Parole Document, and you are outside the United States, do not submit the</p>



	<p>the United States, do not submit the photographs with your application. Prior to issuing the parole document, the U.S. Embassy or consulate or DHS office abroad will provide you with information regarding the photograph requirements.</p> <p>2. If you are filing this application for an Advance Parole Document for another person, submit the required photographs of the person to be paroled.</p>	<p>photographs with your application. Prior to issuing the parole document, the U.S. Embassy or consulate or DHS office abroad will provide you with information regarding the photograph requirements.</p> <p>2. If you are filing this application for a Humanitarian Parole Document for another person, submit the required photographs of the person to be paroled.</p>
<p><b>Page 5, Section 3, Biometric Services Requirement</b></p>	<p>If you are between age 14 through 79 and you are applying for a Refugee Travel Document or Reentry Permit, you must be fingerprinted as part of USCIS biometric services requirements. After you have filed this application, USCIS will notify you in writing of the time and location where you must go to be fingerprinted. If necessary, USCIS may also take your photograph and signature. Failure to appear to be fingerprinted or for other biometric services may result in a denial of your application. All applicants for Reentry Permit and/or Refugee Travel Documents between the ages of 14 through 79 are required to pay the additional \$80 biometric fee. (See "What Is the Filing Fee" on Page 8).</p>	<p>Page 7, <b>3. Biometrics Services Requirement</b></p> <p>a. All applicants for a Refugee Travel Document or a Re-entry Permit must complete biometrics at an ASC or if applying for a Refugee Travel Document while outside of the U.S. at an overseas USCIS facility. If you are between age 14 through 79 and you are applying for a Refugee Travel Document or Re-entry Permit, you must also be fingerprinted as part of USCIS biometric services requirements. After you have filed this application, USCIS will notify you in writing of the time and location for your biometrics services appointment. Failure to appear to be fingerprinted or for other biometrics services may result in a denial of your application.</p> <p>b. All applicants for Re-entry Permits and/or Refugee Travel Documents between the ages of 14 through 79 are required to pay the additional \$85 biometrics services fee. (See the section entitled "What Is the Filing Fee".)</p>
<p><b>Page 6, General Instructions, Invalidation of Travel Document, Expedite Request Instructions</b></p>	<p><b>Expedite Request Instructions:</b> Expedited applications for Reentry Permit or Refugee Travel Document. When mailing in this request, notate the outside of the envelope with the word EXPEDITE. We recommend that two pre-paid, self-addressed express mailers, e-mail addresses and a fax number be provided with any expedite request for Reentry or Refugee Travel Document. If the expedite request is granted and you provide pre-paid, self-addressed express mailers, we will use the pre-paid mailers to send you the ASC appointment notice and travel document upon completion. If you do not provide pre-paid mailers, the appointment notice and travel document will be sent via regular mail.</p>	<p>Page 8, <b>Expedite Request Instructions</b> To request expedited processing of applications for Re-entry Permit or Refugee Travel Document, write the word EXPEDITE in the top right corner of the application in black ink. We recommend providing e-mail addresses and a fax number with any expedite request for the Re-entry Permit or Refugee Travel Document.</p>



<p><b>Page 8, What Is the Filing Fee?</b></p>	<p><b>What Is the Filing Fee?</b>  The fee for advance parole or a Re-entry Permit is \$360. The fee for a Refugee Travel Document for an applicant age 16 or older is \$135, and for a child under the age of 16 years, it is \$105. A biometrics services fee of \$85 is required for a Reentry Permit and a Refugee Travel Document for applicants ages 14 through 79, unless the applicant resides outside the United States at the time of filing their form.</p> <p>No biometrics services fee is required for advance parole applicants.</p> <p>The fee for a humanitarian based advance parole request may be waived based upon a demonstrated inability to pay. Biometrics services fees may also be waived based upon a demonstrated inability to pay. Applicants should consider using Form I-912, Fee Waiver Request, to ensure such requests are supported in accordance with 8 CFR 103.7(c).</p> <p>The application fee and biometrics services fee may be paid with one check.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you filed Form I-485 on or after July 30, 2007, and you paid the I-485 application fee required, then no fee is required to file a request for Advance Parole or for a Refugee Travel Document on Form I-131. You may file Form I-131 for advance parole or for a Refugee Travel Document together with your Form I-485, or you may submit Form I-131 for advance parole or a Refugee Travel Document at a later date. If you file Form I-131 for advance parole or a refugee travel document separately, you must also submit a copy of your Form I-797, Notice of Action, receipt as evidence that you filed and paid the fee for Form I-485 required on or after July 30, 2007.</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your check or money order for the Form I-131 fee:</p>	<p>Page 8,  <b>What Is the Filing Fee?</b></p> <p>The fee for advance parole or a Re-entry Permit is \$360. The fee for a Refugee Travel Document for an applicant age 16 or older is \$135, and for a child under the age of 16 years, it is \$105. A biometrics services fee of \$85 is required for a Reentry Permit and a Refugee Travel Document for applicants ages 14 through 79.</p> <p>No biometrics services fee is required for advance parole applicants.</p> <p><b>Fee Waiver Information:</b> The fee for a humanitarian based advance parole request may be waived based upon a demonstrated inability to pay. Biometrics services fees may also be waived based upon a demonstrated inability to pay. Applicants should consider using Form I-912, Fee Waiver Request, to ensure such requests are supported in accordance with 8 CFR 103.7(c).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you filed Form I-485 on or after July 30, 2007, and you paid the I-485 application fee required, then no fee is required to file a request for Advance Parole or for a Refugee Travel Document on Form I-131 <b>if your Form I-485 is still pending</b>, if,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status and are applying for a Refugee Travel Document (See Form I-131, Part 2, Application Type, box 1.b.), or</li> <li>2. You are applying for an advance parole document to allow you to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel (See Form I-131, Part 2, Application Type, box 1.d.).</li> </ol> <p><b>Under these circumstances</b>, you may file Form I-131 together with your Form I-485, or you may submit Form I-131 at a later date. If you file Form I-131 separately, you must also submit a copy of your Form I-797, Notice of Action, receipt as evidence that you filed and paid the fee for Form I-485 required on or after July 30, 2007.</p> <p><b>Replacement Travel Document:</b> If you are filing to replace a travel document that was lost, stolen, mutilated, or contains erroneous information, such as a misspelled name, a filing fee is required.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are requesting a replacement advance parole document as an adjustment applicant filed under the fee structure implemented July 30, 2007, then the full filing fee will be required; however, no biometrics services fee is required.</p>
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<p><b>Page 6, Where To File?</b></p>	<p><b>Where To File?</b></p> <p><b>E-Filing Form I-131</b></p> <p>Certain Form I-131 filings may be electronically filed (e-filed) with USCIS. View our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> for a list of who is eligible to e-file this form and instructions.</p>	<p>Page 9, <b>This section has been deleted from the instructions. Filing information can be found on the uscis web site.</b></p> <p><b>New text:</b> Please see our Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> or call our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 for the most current information about where to file this benefit request.</p>

**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.

If you are filing for: ...

**5. Advance Parole Based on a Pending I-485.....**

**6. Humanitarian Parole:**

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 “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.

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

	<p>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.</p> <p>If you are currently in removal proceedings or have been previously removed from the United States, you will need to submit your request to:</p> <p>Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of International Affairs Attn: Section Chief, Law Enforcement Parole Branch 800 N. Capitol Street Washington, DC 20536</p>	
<p><b>Page 9, Address Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Address Changes</b> If you change your address and you have an application pending with USCIS, you may change your address online at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>, click on “Change of Address,” and follow the prompts. You may also complete and mail Form AR-11, Alien’s Change of Address Card, to: .....</p>	<p>Page 9, (This section has standardized language.) <b>Address Changes</b>  If you have changed your address, you must inform USCIS of your new address. For information on filing a change of address go to the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange">www.uscis.gov/addresschange</a> or contact the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.  <b>Note:</b> Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the USCIS Lockbox facilities do not process change of address requests.</p>
<p><b>Page 9, Processing Information</b></p>	<p><b>Processing information:</b> <b>Any Form I-131 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee(s) will be rejected with a notice that Form I-131 is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-131.</b></p> <p><b>Initial Processing</b> Once a Form I-131 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form, or file it without required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility, and we may deny your Form I-131.</p> <p><b>Requests for More Information or Interview</b> We may request more information or</p>	<p>Page 9, (This section has standardized language.) <b>Processing information:</b>  <b>Any Form I-131 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee(s) will be rejected with a notice that Form I-131 is deficient. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit Form I-131.</b> An application or petition is not considered properly filed until accepted by USCIS.  <b>Initial Processing</b> Once a Form I-131 has been accepted, it will be checked for completeness, including submission of the required initial evidence. If you do not completely fill out the form, or file it without required initial evidence, you will not establish a basis for eligibility, and we may deny your Form I-131.  <b>Requests for More Information or Interview</b> We may request more information or evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any</p>

	<p>evidence, or we may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview. We may also request that you submit the originals of any copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> The decision on Form I-131 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.</p> <p><b>What If You Claim Nonresident Alien Status on Your Federal Income Tax Return?</b> .....</p>	<p>copy. We will return these originals when they are no longer required.</p> <p><b>Decision</b> The decision on Form I-131 involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the requested benefit. You will be notified of the decision in writing.</p> <p><b>What If You Claim Nonresident Alien Status on Your Federal Income Tax Return?</b> .....</p>
<p><b>Page 9</b></p>	<p><b>What If You Claim Nonresident Alien Status on Your Federal Income Tax Return?</b></p> <p>If you are an alien who has established residence in the United States after having been admitted as an immigrant or adjusted status to that of an immigrant, and are considering the filing of a nonresident alien tax return or the non-filing of a tax return on the ground that you are a nonresident alien, you should carefully review the consequences of such actions under the Immigration and Nationality Act.</p> <p>If you file a nonresident alien tax return or fail to file a tax return, you may be regarded as having abandoned residence in the United States and as having lost your permanent resident status under the Act. As a consequence, you may be ineligible for a visa or other document for which permanent resident aliens are eligible...</p>	<p><b>What If You Claim Nonresident Alien Status on Your Federal Income Tax Return?</b></p> <p>If you are an alien who has been admitted as an immigrant or adjusted status to that of an immigrant, and are considering the filing of a nonresident alien tax return or the non-filing of a tax return on the ground that you are a nonresident alien, you should carefully review the consequences of such actions under the <b>INA</b>.</p> <p>If you file a nonresident alien tax return or <b>do not file</b> a tax return, you may be regarded as having abandoned residence in the United States and as having lost your permanent resident status under the Act. As a consequence, you may be ineligible for a visa or other document for which permanent resident aliens are eligible.</p> <p>You may also be inadmissible to the United States if you seek admission as a returning resident, and you may become ineligible for adjustment of status as a permanent resident, or naturalization on the basis of your original entry.</p>
<p><b>Page 10, USCIS Forms and Information</b></p>	<p><b>USCIS Forms and Information</b></p> <p>To order USCIS forms, call our toll free number at 1-800-870-3676. You can also get USCIS forms and information on immigration laws, regulations, and procedures by telephoning our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or visiting our internet Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>.</p>	<p>Page 10, (This section has standardized language.) <b>USCIS Forms and Information</b></p> <p>You can get USCIS forms and immigration-related information on the USCIS Web site at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>. You may order USCIS forms by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-870-3676. You may also obtain forms and information by telephoning our <b>USCIS</b> National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.</p> <p>As an alternative to waiting in line for assistance at your</p>

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<p><b>Page 10, Penalties</b></p>	<p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with Form I-131, we will deny Form I-131 and may deny any other immigration benefit.</p> <p>In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>	<p>Page 10, (This section has standardized language.)</p> <p><b>Penalties</b></p> <p>If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with this request, we will deny your Form I-131 and may deny any other immigration benefit.</p> <p>In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.</p>
<p><b>Page 10, Privacy Act Notice</b></p>	<p>We ask for the information on this form, and associated evidence, to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. Our legal right to ask for this information can be found in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. We may provide this information to other government agencies. Failure to provide this information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your Form I-131.</p>	<p>Page 14 (This section has standardized language.)</p> <p><b>USCIS Privacy Act Statement</b></p> <p><b>AUTHORITIES:</b> The information requested on this form, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 101, et seq.</p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b> The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this form is to determine if you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit for which you are filing. The information you provide will be used to grant or deny the benefit sought.</p> <p><b>DISCLOSURE:</b> The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your form.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE USES:</b> The information you provide on this form may be shared with other Federal, State, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations following approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS-USCIS-007 – Benefits Information System and DHS-USCIS-001 – Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, which can be found at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/privacy">www.dhs.gov/privacy</a>]. The information may also be made available, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.</p>
<p><b>Page 10, Paperwork</b></p>	<p>An agency may not conduct.....OMB No. 1615-0013. Do not mail your</p>	<p>Page 11 (This section has standardized language.)</p>

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