

COMPLETING FORM I-131, APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENT

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NOTE: Always check the website for the most recent version of this form and current filing fees!

[Form I-131, Application for Travel Document](#), is used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process requests by individuals for a re-entry permit, refugee travel document or advance parole, including parole into the United States for humanitarian reasons.

WHAT ARE THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS?

Re-entry Permit

A re-entry permit is a travel document that permits a U.S. permanent resident or conditional resident to apply for admission following a prolonged period of stay outside of the United States within the validity period of the permit without having to obtain a returning resident visa from a U.S. consular post abroad. The applicant must file the re-entry permit application while physically present in the United States, although he or she may then depart the United States and have the re-entry permit sent to a U.S. consular post or USCIS office abroad for pickup following adjudication by USCIS. Upon filing the application, USCIS will notify the applicant in writing of the location and date of the biometrics appointment. It is preferable for an applicant to remain in the United States until after he or she completes the biometrics; however, the applicant may depart the United States following submission of the application, provided that he or she returns to the United States to complete the biometrics at the Application Support Center (ASC). USCIS typically allows 120 days for this process to be completed, provided that the individual requests that the biometrics appointment(s) be rescheduled.

Advance Parole Document

An advance parole document is used to parole an individual into the United States temporarily. This document may be used in lieu of a visa stamp as authorization to travel to the United States. One of the more common uses of this document is by individuals to re-enter the United States following travel abroad when they have a pending Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. Applicants must be very careful when deciding whether or not to travel upon the issuance of an advance parole document. Specifically, if an individual is unlawfully present in the United States, the departure from the United States, even with a valid advance parole document, may trigger the three- or ten-year bar against the individual, rendering him or her inadmissible to the United States for a period of three or 10 years.¹

If an individual is outside of the United States and needs to visit the United States for a temporary period due to emergent humanitarian reasons, he or she may apply for an advance parole document. The applicant must prove that the advance parole document is necessary because he or she cannot obtain the necessary visa stamp and any required waiver of inadmissibility. In this circumstance, an individual in the United States may file the application on behalf of the individual abroad provided that the individual in the United States completes Part 1 of the Form I-131 with information about him- or herself.

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¹ See Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) §212(a)(9)(B), setting forth the grounds for triggering the 3- or 10-year bar.

An individual present in the United States may file for an advance parole document provided that he or she has a pending I-485 application or a pending application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) (Form I-821), or has been granted TPS or another immigration status that allows the individual to return to valid status following a brief, casual and innocent absence abroad (as defined in 8 CFR §244.1). Although it is stated that an advance parole document may be obtained based on a pending Form I-485 for individuals seeking to travel abroad for “emergent personal or bona fide business reasons,” USCIS no longer requires that an individual provide such reasons when applying for the document.

It is important to note that an individual must use the same valid advance parole document when leaving and re-entering the United States following temporary travel abroad. Thus, the advance parole document must have been issued and be valid at the time of departure from the United States and the individual must then re-enter the United States during the validity period of that same advance parole document. Individuals with pending I-485 applications must be in the United States when applying for the advance parole document in order for it to be valid.

Refugee Travel Document

A refugee travel document is available to individuals in refugee or asylee status or individuals who are permanent residents as a direct result of refugee or asylee status. Individuals should apply for the refugee travel document prior to departing the United States for temporary travel abroad, although they may request that the refugee travel document be sent to a U.S. consular post or USCIS office abroad for pickup. Applicants for a refugee travel document must complete biometrics as scheduled by USCIS. USCIS will issue a biometrics appointment notification following the filing of the application and the applicant is required to complete the biometrics or USCIS may deny the application. If the individual departs the United States prior to the biometrics appointment, he or she will need to return to an ASC to complete the biometrics before USCIS will issue the travel document.

If an individual is in valid refugee or asylee status or is a permanent resident as a direct result of asylee or refugee status, he or she may be permitted to file the Form I-131 and apply for a refugee travel document while outside of the United States. The decision on whether to process and grant the application will be made by the USCIS Overseas district director with jurisdiction over the location of the individual. Such applicants should be able to demonstrate that an emergent situation required their departure from the United States prior to their being able to apply for a refugee travel document.

COMPLETING THE FORM I-131

As of the time of this writing, USCIS is indicating that a new edition of this form is coming soon.

Part 1 – Information About You

The applicant seeking the travel document should provide his or her information in Part 1. It is important that the name provided in this section match the person’s legal name in his or her passport. However, for a humanitarian advance parole document, if an individual in the United States is filing this on behalf of an individual abroad, the individual in the United States should complete Part 1 with his or her own information. A “care of” name and address may be provided in number 6 “Address” if the individual would like to have the document issued to another individual, such as an attorney. With respect to number 3 “Class of Admission,” if the individual entered the United States in one status and is now in a different status, it is recommended to include both, *i.e.* F-1/H-1B or H-1B/Parolee.

Part 2 – Application Type

It is important to ensure that the correct box is checked with respect to the type of travel document being requested. If a humanitarian advance parole document is being filed by an individual in the United States for an individual who is abroad, box f should be checked and the information about the individual abroad for whom the document is being requested should be completed in the fields below box f.

Part 3 – Processing Information**1. Date of Intended Departure**

Insert the date that the individual intends to depart the United States. If the date is not yet known and/or if you are applying for a multiple entry document, “varies” may be inserted into this field. If the individual is already abroad, as in the case of an individual applying for humanitarian advance parole, “N/A” or “Currently Abroad” may be inserted into this field.

2. Expected Length of Trip

Insert the anticipated period of time that the individual will be abroad. If this is not known and/or you are applying for a multiple entry document, “varies” may be inserted into this field. The length of the expected trip should not be for a longer period of time than that for which the travel document may be granted.

3. Exclusion, Deportation, Removal or Rescission Proceedings?

Make sure to answer this question and determine whether such proceedings may make the applicant ineligible for a travel document. If this question is not answered, USCIS will typically issue a Request for Evidence which will delay the adjudication of the application.

4. Previous Issuance of a Reentry Permit or Refugee Travel Document

If a re-entry permit or refugee travel document were previously issued to the applicant, such previously issued document should be attached to the application unless it has been lost, retained by an official at the port of entry or the document is still valid and the individual will need it to travel again before the new document is issued by USCIS. Please note that USCIS may issue a request for evidence to request that the applicant submit the travel document before the application for the new document is adjudicated. Please note that this question does not need to be answered by an applicant for an advance parole document and in fact such applicant may skip to Part 7.

5. Location to Send Travel Document

USCIS may send the refugee travel document or re-entry permit to a U.S. consular post or USCIS office or to specific address in the United States. The correct box and additional information should be properly completed. This section is not applicable for advance parole.

Part 4 – Information About Your Proposed Travel

The purpose of the proposed trip outside of the United States should be provided in the box in Part 4, as well as a list of the countries the applicant intends to visit. For purposes of the re-entry permit, the purpose of the trip abroad should align with the temporary nature of the stay abroad and the intent to maintain status as a permanent resident. This section is not applicable for advance parole.

Part 5 – Complete Only If Applying for a Re-entry Permit (Issues Regarding “Intent and Maintenance of Permanent Resident Status”)

The individual is required to check the appropriate box with respect to how much time he or she has spent abroad since becoming a U.S. permanent resident. If the individual has spent more than one year abroad, it may raise questions as to whether or not the individual has abandoned his or her permanent resident status. It also may be used in determining whether the individual is eligible for a re-entry permit valid for a period of one or two years.

This part also inquires as to whether the applicant has ever filed his or her federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a federal income tax return because he or she considered himself or herself to be a nonresident. If the applicant has failed to file or filed as a nonresident, such actions may raise questions as to whether or not the individual has abandoned his or her permanent resident status. Additional action may need to be taken, such as filing amended tax returns, prior to submitting the application for re-entry permit. Individuals with such situations should seek assistance of counsel (immigration as well as tax, etc.) to review appropriate actions to take in this situation.

Part 6 – Complete Only If Applying for a Refugee Travel Document (Issues Regarding Travel to the Country from which the Individual is a Refugee/Asylee)

It is important to note that when answering the questions in Part 6, if the applicant applied for asylum on or after April 1, 1997, his or her asylum status could be terminated if it is determined that the applicant has voluntarily availed him or herself of the protection of the country of claimed persecution.²

Part 7 – Complete Only If Applying for Advance Parole***Statement of Qualification for Advance Parole***

If an individual is applying for humanitarian parole, a separate statement should be provided as to why the individual qualifies for humanitarian parole. However, if an individual is applying for advance parole based on a pending I-485 application, a statement is typically not required.

1. Number of Trips

The applicant should select whether the advance parole document will be used for just one trip or for multiple trips. Whenever possible, the box for “more than one trip” should be selected, especially when the advance parole document is based on a pending I-485 application.

2. Delivery of Advance Parole Document

Be sure to specify to where the advance parole document should be sent upon final adjudication, if the document is to be sent abroad to a U.S. consular post or USCIS office. In addition, the address to which the notice to pick up the document must also be provided in this section.

Part 8 – Signature

The applicant is required to sign and date the form in this section, as well as provide a daytime telephone number. Please note that if the individual is under the age of 14, a parent or guardian may sign on behalf of the applicant.

Part 9 – Signature of Person Preparing the Form, If Other Than the Applicant

This section needs to be completed by the individual—typically the attorney—assisting the applicant with the preparation of the form.

INITIAL EVIDENCE

All applications for re-entry permit, advance parole, and refugee travel document must include a copy of a valid official photo identity document showing the photo, name, and date of birth of the applicant. USCIS prefers color copies of documents, but a clear black and white copy is acceptable. Such documents may include a valid passport, permanent resident card, or government-issued driver's license, etc. Applications for re-entry permits must include a copy of the front and back of the Form I-551, Permanent Resident Card; or if the Form I-551 has not been issued, a copy of the biographic page(s) of the applicant's passport and a copy of the visa page showing the applicant's initial admission as a permanent resident or other evidence of permanent resident status; or a copy of the Form I-797, Notice of Action, approval notice for an application for replacement of the Form I-551 or temporary evidence of permanent resident status.

Applicants for a refugee travel document must include a copy of the document issued to the applicant showing his or her refugee or asylee status and the expiration of such status.

Applicants for an advance parole document who are in the United States must provide a copy of any document issued by USCIS showing his or her present status in the United States, as well as an explanation of the circumstances that warrant the issuance of an advance parole document or if the applicant has a pending I-485 application, a copy of the I-485 receipt notice. It is also helpful to provide a copy of the underlying Petition Approval Notice, such as the I-130 or I-140, etc. If an individual is applying for an applicant who is outside

² INA §208(c)(2)(D).

of the United States, specific documentation must be provided to show how the applicant will be supported when in the United States, as well as a statement to support the request for the advance parole document. Additional information and documentation may be needed as stated in the form instructions.

If the applicant is outside the United States and is filing an application for a refugee travel document, or if the applicant is in the United States and is filing an application for an advance parole document, the applicant is required to submit two identical color photographs of him– or herself taken within 30 days of the filing of the application. Specific requirements for the photograph may be found on the form instructions. Please note that if the applicant seeking an advance parole document is outside of the United States, photographs do not need to be included as the U.S. consular post or USCIS office abroad will provide the applicant with information about the photograph requirements. If the individual submitting the application is filing on behalf of another person, photographs of the individual for whom the document will be issued are required.

WHERE TO FILE

This form must be mailed to USCIS for adjudication, with the exception of requests for an advance parole document, in which case this form may be filed online on the USCIS website located at www.uscis.gov. As of the time of the writing of this practice sheet, the Form I-131 is filed with USCIS at a lockbox as listed on the USCIS – Lockbox Filing Tips webpage: www.uscis.gov/lockboxtips. Although not stated in the regulations, the information on the USCIS website specifically states that an application to renew an advance parole document (I-512L or I-512) may not be filed more than 120 days before the date the current advance parole document expires. USCIS may now issue a single, two-year employment authorization and advance parole card for applicants who have filed a Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. The card may be obtained by filing the Forms I-131 and I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization Document) together. This two-year document may be issued if the individual is subject to quota backlogs and his or her priority date is not yet current.

FILING FEES

The filing fee for this Form I-131 is currently \$360, although several exceptions do apply, and an \$85 biometric fee may be required. Specific information about the filing fees may be found in the form instructions located at www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-131instr.pdf. Worth noting is that the refugee travel document fee for applicants age 16 or older is \$135 and the fee for a child under the age of 16 is \$105. Additionally, if filing for Advance Parole based on a pending I-485 that was filed after July 30, 2007, no additional fee is required.

When paying the filing fees, it is a good idea to submit separate checks or money orders for each applicant, as well as submitting separate checks or money orders for the filing fee and the biometrics fee. This way, if one application cannot be accepted, all of the applications will not be rejected by the lockbox. Moreover, if a biometrics fee is paid that is not necessary, USCIS will only reject the additional fee payment rather than rejecting the entire application. The checks/money orders must be made payable to “Department of Homeland Security,” with no abbreviations.

BIOMETRICS AND FINGERPRINTING

With respect to the biometrics requirement, all applicants for a refugee travel document or a re-entry permit are required to complete the biometrics at an Application Support Center; or, if applying for a refugee travel document while abroad, at an overseas USCIS office. No biometric fee is required for an advance parole applicant. In addition to completing the biometrics, all applicants for a refugee travel document or re-entry permit who are between the ages of 14 and 79 must also be fingerprinted at the time of the biometrics. USCIS will send notification to the individual with a biometrics appointment date following submission of the Form I-131 to USCIS. All applicants between the ages of 14 and 79 must pay the additional biometric fee but remember that individuals under the age of 14 will still need to have their biometrics taken at an Application Support Center before the refugee travel document or re-entry permit will be issued by USCIS. In the Fall of 2012, the Nebraska Service Center (NSC) confirmed that if the applicant is below the age of 14 or over the age of 79 and submits two paper photographs when filing for a re-entry permit, in addition to all other required documentation for the I-131 (including proof he or she was physically present in the United States at the time of filing), the NSC will issue the re-entry permit without requiring the applicant to attend a biometrics appointment.

EXPEDITE REQUESTS

Requests to expedite the processing of a travel document may be submitted to USCIS. Specifically, to request expedited processing of an application for a re-entry permit or refugee travel document, the word "EXPEDITE" should be written in the top right corner of the application in black ink. USCIS also recommends providing e-mail addresses and a fax number with any expedite request. We recommend including a self-addressed, pre-paid return envelope(s) so that USCIS may send the biometrics appointment and/or travel document via overnight delivery.

Requests to expedite the application for an advance parole document may also be made to USCIS but the standard-expedite criteria must be met. Such criteria include severe financial loss to a company or individual; extreme emergent situations; humanitarian situations; nonprofit status of requesting organization in furtherance of the cultural and social interests of the United States; Department of Defense or National Interest Situation (*Note*: Request must come from official U.S. government entity and state that delay will be detrimental to the U.S. government); USCIS error; or compelling interest of USCIS. Such requests may be made by phoning USCIS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283, writing a letter to the Service Center processing the application, or speaking with an information officer at a local USCIS office via an InfoPass appointment.

Part 3. Processing Information

1. Date of Intended Departure (mm/dd/yyyy)	2. Expected Length of Trip
07/01/2012	2 years

3. Are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings? ☐ Yes ☒ No (Name of DHS office):

If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document, skip to Part 7.

4. Have you ever before been issued a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document?

☐ No ☒ Yes (If "Yes," give the following information for the last document issued to you):

Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/11/2010 Disposition (attached, lost, etc.): Attached

5. Where do you want this travel document sent? (Check one)

a. ☒ To the U.S. address shown in **Part 1** on the first page of this form.

b. ☐ To a U.S. Embassy or consulate at: City: Country:

c. ☐ To a DHS office overseas at: City: Country:

d. If you checked "b" or "c," where should the notice to pick up the travel document be sent?

☐ To the address shown in **Part 2** on the first page of this form.

☐ To the address shown below:

Address (Number and Street) Apt. # Daytime Telephone # (area/country code)

City State or Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Part 4. Information About Your Proposed Travel

Purpose of trip. (If you need more room, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)	List the countries you intend to visit.
Temporary transfer abroad to Argentina for work assignment.	Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Japan

Part 5. Complete Only If Applying for a Reentry Permit

Since becoming a permanent resident of the United States (or during the past five years, whichever is less) how much total time have you spent outside the United States?

☐ less than six months ☒ two to three years

☐ six months to one year ☐ three to four years

☐ one to two years ☐ more than four years

Since you became a permanent resident of the United States, have you ever filed a Federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a Federal income tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident? (If "Yes," give details on a separate sheet of paper.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 6. Complete Only If Applying for a Refugee Travel Document

1. Country from which you are a refugee or asylee:

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you must explain on a separate sheet of paper.

2. Do you plan to travel to the country named above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you ever:

a. Returned to the country named above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Applied for and/or obtained a national passport, passport renewal, or entry permit of that country? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Applied for and/or received any benefit from such country (for example, health insurance benefits). ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you, by any legal procedure or voluntary act:

a. Reacquired the nationality of the country named above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Acquired a new nationality? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Been granted refugee or asylee status in any other country? ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Part 7. Complete Only If Applying for Advance Parole

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you qualify for an Advance Parole Document, and what circumstances warrant issuance of advance parole. Include copies of any documents you wish considered. *(See instructions.)*

1. How many trips do you intend to use this document? ☐ One Trip ☐ More than one trip
2. If the person intended to receive an Advance Parole Document is outside the United States, provide the location (city and country) of the U.S. Embassy or consulate or the DHS overseas office that you want us to notify.

City Country

3. If the travel document will be delivered to an overseas office, where should the notice to pick up the document be sent?:

- ☐ To the address shown in **Part 2** on the first page of this form.
- ☐ To the address shown below:

Address (Number and Street) Apt. # Daytime Telephone # (area/country code)

City State or Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Part 8. Signature *Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section. If you are filing for a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document, you must be in the United States to file this application.*

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Signature Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Daytime Telephone Number (with area code)

Note: If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, you may not be found eligible for the requested document and this application may be denied.

Part 9. Signature of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than the Applicant *(Sign below)*

I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant, and it is based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Signature Print or Type Your Name

Firm Name and Address Daytime Telephone Number (with area code)

Abraham and Associates
123 Cliff Street
Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92121

Fax Number (if any) Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

858-222-3334

06/02/2012



Sample Form I-131, Application for Travel Document Advance Parole Document

Department of Homeland Security
U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

OMB No. 1615-0013; Expires 03/31/2012

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BLOCK		FOR USCIS USE ONLY (except G-28 block below)
Document Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Reentry Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document <input type="checkbox"/> Single Advance Parole <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Advance Parole Valid to: If Reentry Permit or Refugee Travel Document, mail to: <input type="checkbox"/> Address in Part 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Embassy/consulate at: <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas DHS office at:	Action Block	Receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Document Hand Delivered On _____ By _____ To be completed by Attorney/Representative, if any. Attorney State License # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if G-28 is attached.

Part 1. Information About You (Type or print in black ink)

1. A Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">93-678-234</div>	2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">05/15/1972</div>	3. Class of Admission <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">H-1B/Parolee</div>	4. Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
5. Name (Family name in capital letters) (First) (Middle) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">HUANG</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">Jason</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;"></div> </div>			
6. Address (Number and Street) Apt. Number <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 60%;">369 First Avenue</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20%;">101</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">City San Diego</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20%;">State or Province CA</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20%;">Zip/Postal Code 92032</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">Country USA</div> </div>			
7. Country of Birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">China</div>	8. Country of Citizenship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Canada</div>	9. Social Security # (if any) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">222-44-7777</div>	

Part 2. Application Type (Check one)

a. ☐ I am a permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States, and I am applying for a reentry permit.

b. ☐ I now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.

c. ☐ I am a permanent resident as a direct result of refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.

d. ☒ I am applying for an advance parole document to allow me to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel.

e. ☐ I am outside the United States, and I am applying for an Advance Parole Document.

f. ☐ I am applying for an Advance Parole Document for a person who is outside the United States. If you checked box "f," provide the following information about that person:

1. Name (Family name in capital letters) (First) (Middle) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;"></div> </div>		
2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;"></div>	3. Country of Birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;"></div>	4. Country of Citizenship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;"></div>
5. Address (Number and Street) Apt. # Daytime Telephone # (area/country code) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 40%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 10%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 45%;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">City</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20%;">State or Province</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 20%;">Zip/Postal Code</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30%;">Country</div> </div>		



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Part 3. Processing Information

1. Date of Intended Departure (mm/dd/yyyy) Varies	2. Expected Length of Trip Varies
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3. Are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings? ☐ Yes ☒ No (Name of DHS office):

If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document, skip to Part 7.

4. Have you ever before been issued a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document?
☐ No ☐ Yes (If "Yes," give the following information for the last document issued to you):
 Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): Disposition (attached, lost, etc.):

5. Where do you want this travel document sent? (Check one)

a. ☐ To the U.S. address shown in **Part 1** on the first page of this form.

b. ☐ To a U.S. Embassy or consulate at: City: Country:

c. ☐ To a DHS office overseas at: City: Country:

d. If you checked "b" or "c," where should the notice to pick up the travel document be sent?
☐ To the address shown in **Part 2** on the first page of this form.
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City State or Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Part 4. Information About Your Proposed Travel

Purpose of trip. (If you need more room, continue on a separate sheet of paper.)	List the countries you intend to visit.
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Part 5. Complete Only If Applying for a Reentry Permit

Since becoming a permanent resident of the United States (or during the past five years, whichever is less) how much total time have you spent outside the United States?

<input type="checkbox"/> less than six months	<input type="checkbox"/> two to three years
<input type="checkbox"/> six months to one year	<input type="checkbox"/> three to four years
<input type="checkbox"/> one to two years	<input type="checkbox"/> more than four years

Since you became a permanent resident of the United States, have you ever filed a Federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a Federal income tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident? (If "Yes," give details on a separate sheet of paper.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part 6. Complete Only If Applying for a Refugee Travel Document

1. Country from which you are a refugee or asylee:

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you must explain on a separate sheet of paper.

2. Do you plan to travel to the country named above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Since you were accorded refugee/asylee status, have you ever:

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b. Applied for and/or obtained a national passport, passport renewal, or entry permit of that country? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Applied for and/or received any benefit from such country (for example, health insurance benefits). ☐ Yes ☐ No

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a. Reacquired the nationality of the country named above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Acquired a new nationality? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Been granted refugee or asylee status in any other country? ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Part 7. Complete Only If Applying for Advance Parole

On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you qualify for an Advance Parole Document, and what circumstances warrant issuance of advance parole. Include copies of any documents you wish considered. *(See instructions.)*

1. How many trips do you intend to use this document? ☐ One Trip ☒ More than one trip
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City Country

3. If the travel document will be delivered to an overseas office, where should the notice to pick up the document be sent?:

- ☐ To the address shown in **Part 2** on the first page of this form.
- ☐ To the address shown below:

Address *(Number and Street)* Apt. # Daytime Telephone # *(area/country code)*

City State or Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Part 8. Signature *Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section. If you are filing for a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document, you must be in the United States to file this application.*

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. I authorize the release of any information from my records that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

Signature Date *(mm/dd/yyyy)* Daytime Telephone Number *(with area code)*

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Part 9. Signature of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than the Applicant *(Sign below)*

I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant, and it is based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Signature Print or Type Your Name

Firm Name and Address Daytime Telephone Number *(with area code)*

Abraham and Associates
123 Cliff Street
Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92121

858-222-3333

Fax Number *(if any)* Date *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

858-222-3334 06/01/2012



Sample Form I-131, Application for Travel Document Refugee Travel Document

Department of Homeland Security
U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

OMB No. 1615-0013; Expires 03/31/2012

I-131, Application for Travel Document

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BLOCK		FOR USCIS USE ONLY (except G-28 block below)
Document Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Reentry Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document <input type="checkbox"/> Single Advance Parole <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Advance Parole Valid to: _____ If Reentry Permit or Refugee Travel Document, mail to: <input type="checkbox"/> Address in Part 1 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Embassy/consulate at: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas DHS office at: _____	Action Block 	Receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Document Hand Delivered On _____ By _____ To be completed by Attorney/Representative, if any. Attorney State License # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if G-28 is attached.

Part 1. Information About You (Type or print in black ink)

1. A Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">83-937-222</div>	2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">06/10/1979</div>	3. Class of Admission <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Asylee</div>	4. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
5. Name (Family name in capital letters) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">STEWART</div>	(First) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Sarah</div>	(Middle) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Jessica</div>	
6. Address (Number and Street) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">246 Sunshine Way</div>		Apt. Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">206</div>	
City <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">San Diego</div>	State or Province <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CA</div>	Zip/Postal Code <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">92122</div>	Country <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">USA</div>
7. Country of Birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Poland</div>	8. Country of Citizenship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Russia</div>	9. Social Security # (if any) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">222-44-3535</div>	

Part 2. Application Type (Check one)

- a. ☐ I am a permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States, and I am applying for a reentry permit.
- b. ☒ I now hold U.S. refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- c. ☐ I am a permanent resident as a direct result of refugee or asylee status, and I am applying for a Refugee Travel Document.
- d. ☐ I am applying for an advance parole document to allow me to return to the United States after temporary foreign travel.
- e. ☐ I am outside the United States, and I am applying for an Advance Parole Document.
- f. ☐ I am applying for an Advance Parole Document for a person who is outside the United States. *If you checked box "f," provide the following information about that person:*

1. Name (Family name in capital letters) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>		(First) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>	(Middle) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>
2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>	3. Country of Birth <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>	4. Country of Citizenship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div>	
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Part 3. Processing Information

1. Date of Intended Departure (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="07/01/2012"/>	2. Expected Length of Trip <input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Varies"/>
3. Are you, or any person included in this application, now in exclusion, deportation, removal, or rescission proceedings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (Name of DHS office): <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
If you are applying for an Advance Parole Document, skip to Part 7.	
4. Have you ever before been issued a reentry permit or Refugee Travel Document? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give the following information for the last document issued to you): Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy): <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Disposition (attached, lost, etc.): <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
5. Where do you want this travel document sent? (Check one)	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> To the U.S. address shown in Part 1 on the first page of this form.	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To a U.S. Embassy or consulate at: City: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="London"/> Country: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> To a DHS office overseas at: City: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Country: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	
d. If you checked "b" or "c," where should the notice to pick up the travel document be sent? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To the address shown in Part 2 on the first page of this form. <input type="checkbox"/> To the address shown below:	
Address (Number and Street) <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/> Apt. # <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> Daytime Telephone # (area/country code) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
City <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> State or Province <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Zip/Postal Code <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Country <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	

Part 4. Information About Your Proposed Travel

Purpose of trip. (If you need more room, continue on a separate sheet of paper.) To visit relatives for a temporary period.	List the countries you intend to visit. United Kingdom
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Part 5. Complete Only If Applying for a Reentry Permit

Since becoming a permanent resident of the United States (or during the past five years, whichever is less) how much total time have you spent outside the United States?

<input type="checkbox"/> less than six months	<input type="checkbox"/> two to three years
<input type="checkbox"/> six months to one year	<input type="checkbox"/> three to four years
<input type="checkbox"/> one to two years	<input type="checkbox"/> more than four years

Since you became a permanent resident of the United States, have you ever filed a Federal income tax return as a nonresident or failed to file a Federal income tax return because you considered yourself to be a nonresident? (If "Yes," give details on a separate sheet of paper.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

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