



FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement

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SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA (SIV) HOLDERS FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Background

For their service to the U.S. government in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants (SIVs) are granted status overseas by the U.S. Department of State and are brought to the United States for resettlement by the U.S. Department of State. Voluntary agencies and ORR through their programs assist with their resettlement and integration into the U.S. An SIV is eligible for ORR benefits and services same as a refugee and for the same time period as a refugee, from the first day the SIV arrives in the U.S.

Acceptable documents for Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants

Applicant	Documentation
Principal Applicant Iraqi Special Immigrant	Iraqi passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category S1 or SQ1 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Spouse of Principal Applicant Iraqi Special Immigrant	Iraqi passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category S2 or SQ2 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi Special Immigrant	Iraqi passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category S3 or SQ3 and DHS stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry
Principal Applicant Iraqi Special Immigrant Principal Adjusting Status in the U.S.	DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Iraqi nationality (or Iraqi passport), with an IV (immigrant visa) code for this category S16 or SQ6
Spouse of Principal Applicant Iraqi Special Immigrant Principal Applicant Adjusting Status in the U.S.	DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Iraqi nationality (or Iraqi passport), with an IV (immigrant visa) code for this category S17 or SQ7
Unmarried Child Under 21 Years of Age of Iraqi Special Immigrant Principal Applicant Adjusting Status in the U.S.	DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Iraqi (or Iraqi passport), with an IV ("immigrant visa") code for this category S19 or SQ9