

Amendment to ORR Policy Letter 16-01: Additional Form of Documentation for Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants

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ORR Policy Letter (PL) 16-01, Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program, announced a documentation guide, Status and Documentation Requirements for the ORR Refugee Resettlement Program (hereinafter Documentation Guide), that outlined the statuses and documents that confer eligibility for Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) benefits and the documentation that is needed to show an individual is eligible.

Due to the urgent need to relocate Afghan individuals who have assisted the U.S. government overseas, individuals who receive SI/SQ Parole are eligible for RRP benefits. ORR is issuing this PL to amend ORR PL 16-01's Documentation Guide, designating an additional form of documentation showing eligibility for RRP benefits for certain Iraqi and Afghan parolees.

In addition to the acceptable documents already listed for Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants in the **Documentation Guide**, ORR is adding one additional document:

Applicant	Documentation
Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant (Principal Applicant, Spouse of Principal Applicant, or Child of Principal Applicant)	I-94 noting SQ or SI Parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006)

All other elements of ORR PL 16-01, including its attached Documentation Guide, as amended by the Frequently Asked Questions document, remain unchanged and in effect.

If you have questions about the information contained in this PL, contact ORR's Refugee Policy Unit at RefugeePolicy@acf.hhs.gov.

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