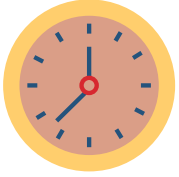


When Do Afghans Paroled Into the U.S. Need to Apply for Asylum?



A person must apply for asylum within one year of their last entry to the United States. In some cases, there are **exceptions** to this rule.



Exceptions to the One Year Filing Requirement May Include Afghans Who:

- Maintain Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Maintain another immigration status (e.g. F-1 student visa)
- Granted parole (e.g. Afghans granted 2-year parole under Operation Allies Welcome)

When Can These Afghans Apply for Asylum?

Those with exceptions may apply for asylum before their status expires, or within a "reasonable period" thereafter. What is reasonable depends on a person's individual circumstances, but exceeding six months may be "unreasonable".



Example: Hamza was paroled into the U.S. on September 28, 2021. His parole is for a period of two years and expires on September 27, 2023. After one year of living in Maryland, Hamza is still looking for employment and permanent housing while taking English classes. Hamza is also looking for an attorney to help him with asylum. Hamza can apply for asylum while he has parole or within a "reasonable" time after parole expiration in September 2023.