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Office of International Education
Immigration Services

ADVANCE PAROLE (TRAVEL DOCUMENT) OVERVIEW

General Overview

Foreign nationals who have submitted, or who are in the process of submitting, an Adjustment of Status application (an application which seeks to change the person's temporary "nonimmigrant" status to permanent) and who are no longer in possession of a valid visa stamp in their passport (for example, an H-1B visa) are eligible to file for a travel document called Advance Parole. Once approved, this travel document will allow the individual to travel outside and re-enter the U.S. without abandoning his/her Adjustment of Status application.

Note: Those individuals who currently are in valid H-1B status (ie. who are in possession of a valid H-1B Approval Notice) and who possess a valid H-1B visa stamp are not required to obtain Advance Parole in order to travel. However, those individuals who do not have an H-1B visa stamp **must** obtain Advance Parole prior to departure from the U.S. to prevent abandonment of their permanent residency application.

USCIS Fees

The USCIS currently charges a \$305 filing fee. Please make the check payable to the "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services".

Legal Services Fee

To cover the costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Advance Parole application, a legal services fee of \$150 will be charged.

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