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**TO:** Human Service Zones  
Economic Assistance Policy Division

**FROM:** Michele Gee, Director, Economic Assistance

**SUBJECT:** New Afghan SIV Codes

**PROGRAMS:** CCAP, LIHEAP, SNAP, TANF

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**SECTIONS**

**AFFECTED:** **CCAP:** Documentation/Verification of Citizenship  
400-28-50-25-05  
**SNAP:** Eligibility Criteria 430-05-30-60-10  
**TANF:** Documentation/Verification of Citizenship  
400-19-45-40-45

Afghan evacuees are entering the U.S. under three main immigration categories:

**Afghans with a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV):** Afghans granted a SIV have been affiliated with the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, e.g., as translators and interpreters, or are the spouse or an unmarried child under the age of 21 of such individuals. SIVs are Legal Permanent Residents (LPR also known as U.S. green card holders).

**Special Immigrant (SI/SQ) Parolees:** Such SI/SQ Parolees are eligible for a SIV but were evacuated to the U.S. before completing the process to receive a SIV. Afghans granted SI/SQ Parole for more than one year are in a qualified non-citizen status and are eligible without the five-year waiting period, if otherwise eligible.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has created new codes for Afghan nationals who qualify for SIV. These new codes are "SQ4" and "SQ5".

**All Other Parolees (aka Humanitarian non-SI/SQ Parolees):**

Such Humanitarian (non-SI/SQ) Parolees are Afghans who were evacuated for urgent humanitarian reasons and paroled into the United States, but have not been granted a SIV and may not be eligible for the SIV program. As parolees, they are eligible to apply for work authorization and are also eligible to apply for asylum upon arrival in the U.S. and any other immigration benefit for which they may be eligible.

- Afghans who are Humanitarian (non-SI/SQ) Parolees for more than one year are in a qualified non-citizen status for benefits purposes, but generally are subject to a five-year waiting period.

Additionally, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is adding an additional acceptable documentation form, an I-94 noting SQ or SI Parole.

Economic Assistance policies are being updated to include the new codes, SQ4 and SQ5 and the additional documentation per ORR. Please note that this change applies to LIHEAP as well, however LIHEAP policy does not list specific codes and therefore does not require an update.

## **CCAP**

### **Documentation/Verification of Citizenship 400-28-50-25-05**

#### **9. Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrants**

- Iraqi passport with immigrant visa stamp noting the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry; or
- Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SI1, SQ2, SI2, SQ3, SI3, **SQ4, SQ5**; or

- DHS Form I-551 showing Afghan nationality or Afghan passport, with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code of SQ6, SI6, SQ7, SI7, SQ9 or SI9.
- I-94 noting SQ or SI Parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006).

## **SNAP**

### Eligibility Criteria 430-05-30-60-10

<p>Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrants</p> <p>TECS Code - RE</p>	<p>Eligible upon entry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documentation verifying admission under section 101(a)(27) of the INA.</li> <li>- Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SI1, SQ2, SI2, SQ3, SI3 , SQ4, SQ5</li> <li>- I-551 showing Afghan nationality with IV (Immigrant Visa) code of SQ6, SI6, SQ7, SI7, SQ9, SI9</li> <li>- Iraqi passport with immigrant visa stamp noting the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SQ2, SQ3 and stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry</li> <li>- I-551 showing Iraqi nationality or Iraqi passport, with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code of</li> </ul>
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## **TANF:**

### Documentation/Verification of Citizenship 400-19-45-40-45

#### 15. Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrants

- Iraqi passport with immigrant visa stamp noting the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SQ2, SQ3, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stamp or notation on passport or I-94 showing date of entry; or
- DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Iraqi nationality or Iraqi passport, with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code of SQ6 SQ7, SQ9.
- Afghan passport with an immigrant visa stamp noting that the individual has been admitted under IV (Immigrant Visa) Category SQ1, SI1, SQ2, SI2, SQ3, SI3, **SQ4, SQ5**; or
- DHS Form I-551 ("green card") showing Afghan nationality or Afghan passport, with an IV (Immigrant Visa) code of SQ6, SI6, SQ7, SI7, SQ9 or SI9
- **I-94 noting SQ or SI Parole (per section 602(B)(1) AAPA/Sec 1059(a) NDAA 2006).**