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Afghan Resettlement Programs by Countries

Country	Program	Eligibility
The United States of America (US)	Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) For Afghans – who were employed by or on behalf of the US Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan national • Employed for at least one year (2001-2023) by or on behalf of the US Government of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) or a successor mission • Interpreter/translator, travelling off-base with the US military; other activities performed for the US military or a successor mission • Positive letter of recommendation from supervisor(s) • Proof of threat as a result of such an employment <p>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immg-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html#step</p>
	SIV for Afghans – Translator/Interpreter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan national • Interpreter/translator with the US Armed Forces or Chief of Mission (COM) authority at the US Embassy in Kabul for at least 12 months • Favorable letter of recommendation from a General or Flag Officer you worked for or from the COM <p>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/siv-iraqi-afghan-translators-interpreters.html</p>
	The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) Priority 2 (P-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan nationals who do not meet the minimum criteria for the SIV program by who were employed by contractors;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally Employed (LE) Staff, interpreters/translators for the US Government, US Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A), ISAF, and Resolution Support (RS) • Afghans who work or worked for a program/project funded by the US Government • Afghans who work or worked for a non-governmental organization (NGO) or media organization.
Canada	Special Immigration Program for Afghans who assisted Canadian Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan national • Interpreter/translator with the Canadian Armed Forces • Local staff who work or worked at the Canadian Embassy in Afghanistan • The applicant or his/her family were in Afghanistan after July 22, 2021 • Family members include the following: Spouse, dependent child under 22 years of age and not married, a dependent child of a dependent child • De facto family members: Depends on the family for emotional or financial reasons (or both); May live with the family as a household member <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/special-measures/immigration-program.html</p>
	Special humanitarian program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghan nationals residing outside Afghanistan without a durable solution. They include: • Women leaders • Human rights activists • LGBTI individuals • Journalists and those who worked with Canadian journalists • Immediate family members of the aforementioned • Extended family members of the interpreters who were previously resettled, including the family members still in Afghanistan

		https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/special-measures/eligible-humanitarian-program.html
The United Kingdom (UK) ¹	Ex-Gratia Scheme (EGS) <i>Offer #1: Financial Offer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly employed by the UK Government for a minimum of one year • Made redundant after December 19, 2012 • Under this scheme, the former employees received payments equivalent to 18 months' salary https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/afghanistan-locally-employed-staff-ex-gratia-scheme/afghanistan-locally-employed-staff-ex-gratia-scheme-further-information-on-eligibility-criteria-and-offer-details
	<i>Offer #2: Training Offer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly employed by the UK Government for a minimum of one year • Made redundant after December 19, 2012 • The beneficiary receives five years of education or training as well as payment of monthly financial benefits/stipend • The training can be technical, vocational, or academic • It must be done in Afghanistan <p>The offer can be transferred to close relatives of the LES</p>
	<i>Offer #3: Relocation Offer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This offer is mostly for those LES who performed duties outside the military base; hence, they include individuals who put their lives in serious risks to help the UK Government missions.
	Afghan Relocations Assistance Program (ARAP) ² November 24, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent relocation of those who are at high or imminent risk of threat to life

¹ There are reports that the UK Government has not honored its promise to help evacuate Afghans stranded in Afghanistan. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61327882>

² This link contains the form for application for the ARAP program: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=7WB3vLNZS0iuldChbfoJ5fowYYw5QINLoVCT4OM_uPIUM1ZXQ05TRU1IRjIMS1ZOSIZBRVVISDc3TiQIQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=c8C9BEC82-1A76-AB48-8B64-47C10D550587

	<i>Category 1</i>	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy-information-and-guidance
	<i>Category 2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of those who were employed by the UK Government in “exposed meaningful enabling roles” and those who provided linguistic support to the UK Armed Forces. • Exposed meaningful enabling roles provided such material effect that without which it would have been difficult for the UK Government to accomplish its missions in Afghanistan; this also exposed the Locally Employed Staff (LES) to public recognition, which in turn may have exposed them to threats. • Such roles include: patrol interpreters, cultural advisors, embassy corporate services, and development, political, and counter-terrorism services. However, this is a non-exhaustive list.
	<i>Category 3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who are neither at high or imminent risk nor have worked in meaningful enabling roles are eligible for other support other than relocation.
	<i>Category 4</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case-by-case basis • Employed by the UK Government after 1 October, 2001. • Worked on counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, and anti-corruption • At risk due to the foregoing works • Holds information the disclosure of which can threaten the UK Government

Australia ³	Humanitarian Program ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Locally Engaged Employees (LEEs), including their immediate family members • Afghan evacuees and their immediate family members (subclass 449 Humanitarian Stay)
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³ In order to get assistance with the application in these programs, the Refugee Council of Australia may be approached at media@refugeecouncil.org.au

⁴ The Humanitarian Program, announced in late January, 2022, promised 10,000 places for Afghan nationals. In late March, 2022, an additional 16,500 places were announced, taking the total number to 26,500 for the Humanitarian Program.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghans who worked with Australian NGOs, Australian funded projects and their immediate family members • Women, girls, ethnic minorities, LGBTQI+, and other [vulnerable] minority groups <p>https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/afghanistan-update</p>
	Migration Program ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled migrants • Afghans with family members in Australia
	Other proposed programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Afghan diaspora in Australia along with certain organizations, citizens, faith groups⁶ and army veterans have asked the Australian government to allocate an additional 20,000 places for Afghans at risk. <p>https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/government-listens-to-community-pleas-by-adding-16500-new-places-for-afghan-refugees/</p>
Germany⁷	German nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German nationals in Afghanistan can travel to neighboring countries by land [or otherwise] and receive support from German Embassies.
	Local employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local employees can be assisted by their former employers. • Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany⁸ • Ministry of the Interior (BMI)⁹ • Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)¹⁰ • Ministry of Defense (BMVg)¹¹

⁵ The Migration Program helps Afghans with 5,000 places.

⁶ In my own conversation with an Afghan evacuee, I was told that faith groups (religious institutions, particularly Christian ones) based in the US, UK, and Australia have helped or are helping Afghan converts to evacuate from Afghanistan.

⁷ Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, vulnerable Afghans expecting support in Afghanistan and Afghan refugees already in Europe and the US have generally been neglected. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/04/20/germany-refugee-policy-afghanistan-ukraine/>

⁸ Local employees of the Foreign Ministry may communicate via this e-mail address: okv@kabu.auswaertiges-amt.de

⁹ Visit the link to communicate with the Ministry: https://www.bmi.bund.de/EN/home/home_node.html

¹⁰ Further information on how to apply for refuge are available in this link: <https://www.bmz.de/en/countries/afghanistan/local-employees>

¹¹ Visit the following link to communicate with the Ministry of Defense: <https://www.bmvg.de/de>

	Other Afghans at particular risk ¹²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the civil society • Media • Culture • Academia https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/konsularisches/afg?openAccordionId=item-2479616-1-panel
Brazil	Humanitarian Visas for Afghans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghans who are at risk of serious human rights and humanitarian violation • Lawyers, photographers, and their family members have been granted visa • There are hundreds of pending visa, while hundreds of Afghans have travelled to Brazil https://www.gov.br/mre/en/contact-us/press-area/press-releases/humanitarian-visas-for-afghans

¹² Communicate using the following link: info@vaoffice.org