



# Parole in Place for Undocumented Spouses for U.S. Citizens

On June 18, 2024, the federal government announced a new program called Parole-in-Place for undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens and their children. This program allows eligible individuals to apply for a green card without leaving the United States. The application is expected to become available on August 19, 2024.



**You cannot apply for this program until August 19, 2024.** Any applications submitted before then will be denied by the federal government. If you are interested in this process, consider creating or updating your myUSCIS account at [my.uscis.gov](https://my.uscis.gov).

## What is Parole in Place?

**Parole in Place is a special program that allows you to stay in the country legally, even if you entered without permission.** The program is currently available to certain family members of U.S. Military personnel, but after President Biden's announcement, certain undocumented spouses of U.S. Citizens, and their children will be able to apply.

## What does this new announcement mean for me?

People approved for parole in place **can avoid deportation** and apply for a green card without leaving the United States. The program **gives you temporary permission to stay in the United States while you sort out your legal status**. If approved, **you will be given parole for 3 years**. During this time, you will be able to apply for a work permit and apply for a green card without leaving the United States.

## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for this new program, you must:

- Have been living in the U.S. for 10 or more years, as of June 17, 2024,
- Have been legally married to a U.S. citizen as of June 17, 2024, OR a child of someone who is married to a U.S. citizen, and
- Not have any disqualifying criminal history.



## What documents will I need?

You will need documents to prove:

- **Your identity:** any document showing your name, date of birth, and photo. Ex: passport or birth certificate.
- **You have been living in the U.S. for 10 years as of June 17, 2024.** Ex: bank statements, pay stubs, federal income tax returns, lease agreements, letters of employment, school records, and medical records
- **You were married to a U.S. Citizen as of June 17, 2024.** Ex: marriage certificate, marriage license
- **Your spouse is a U.S. Citizen.** Ex: Passport, Birth Certificate, or Certificate of Naturalization

For a Child, they will need documents to prove:

- They have been living in the U.S. as of June 17th, 2024.
- Their parent's marriage to a U.S. citizen. See above.



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