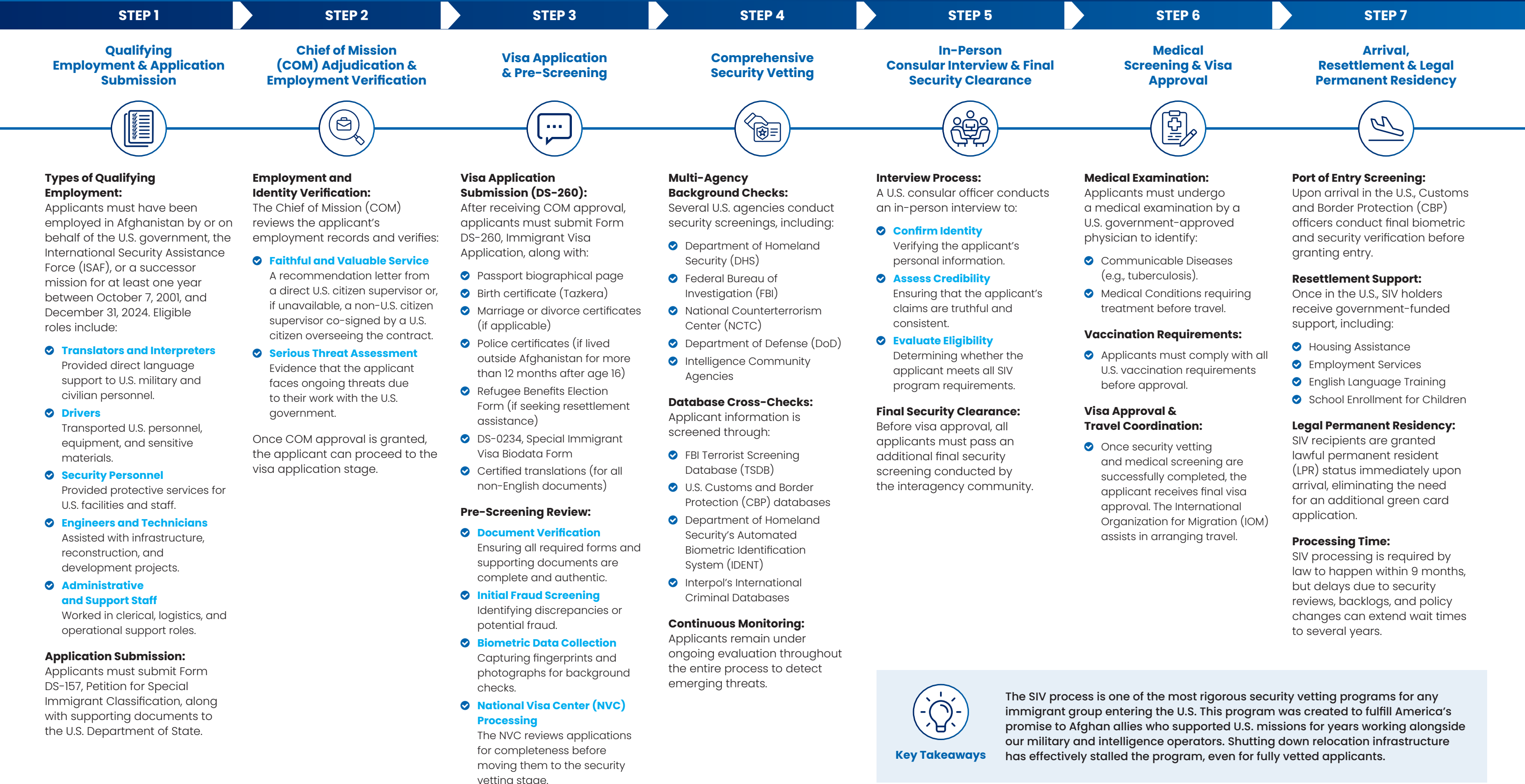


Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Application and Security Vetting

The Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program provides a pathway for Afghans who worked in support of the U.S. government to immigrate to the United States. SIV applicants undergo extensive security and eligibility screenings by multiple U.S. government agencies before being admitted. SIV processing is required by law to happen within 9 months. Despite this, delays due to security reviews, backlogs, and policy changes can force applicants to wait several years.



Key Takeaways

The SIV process is one of the most rigorous security vetting programs for any immigrant group entering the U.S. This program was created to fulfill America's promise to Afghan allies who supported U.S. missions for years working alongside our military and intelligence operators. Shutting down relocation infrastructure has effectively stalled the program, even for fully vetted applicants.