

Vetting for Enduring Welcome Afghans

Afghan SIV, IV, and Follow-to-Join Asylees in the Enduring Welcome pipeline undergo a rigorous vetting process to ensure that they meet U.S. government requirements and are one of the most thoroughly vetted and scrutinized groups entering the United States. The vetting process includes detailed biometric and biographic reviews using U.S. identification systems and interviews with multiple U.S. government agencies.

Pre-Travel Vetting in Afghanistan



State Department's Afghan SIV (ASIV) unit **conducts a fraud and document review as part of the Chief of Mission (COM) Process**, the National Visa Center (NVC) conducts fraud review. ASIV and NVC work with Diplomatic Security on any problematic cases.



CARE's Consolidated Consular Data (CCD) Review Team, backed by DHS fraud prevention specialists, **review cases for fraud indicators, inconsistent information, inadmissibilities, and levels of sufficient vetting data** before a case is booked for travel.



All applicants are biographically and biometrically vetted against U.S. government databases. All cases are biometrically revalidated and reviewed again 24 hours prior to departure from Afghanistan and only cleared cases are allowed to proceed to CARE facilities in a safe third country.



Applicants are scheduled for a Centers for Disease Control medical screening with a physician in Afghanistan. Additional biometrics and facial imagery are collected and data is reviewed against several U.S. government systems.

Vetting of SIVs at U.S. Government Facilities



State Department Consular officers interview each applicant to determine visa eligibility, review documents, and assess credibility.



Biometric vetting is renewed for adjudication purposes and must be verified and cleared before a visa is issued and onward travel is allowed.



DHS USCIS officers review all security checks conducted by the interagency and intelligence community. These officers are specially trained to detect fraud.



If all security checks and biometric reviews are cleared, then the visa stamp is provided and travel to the U.S. is permitted at the U.S. port of entry DHS Customs and Border Protection officers complete final biographic, biometric, and other security reviews.