

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Humanitarian travel documents: permission, purpose and return

Does a humanitarian travel document decide every consequence of departure and return?

No. USCIS uses different I-131 purposes, and a protection case can raise separate travel, admission and legal-consequence questions. Identify the actual document and underlying category. Do not assume an old advance-parole rule or another person's travel experience applies.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the exact process and underlying decision.
- ☐ Preserve the actual document and stated scope.
- ☐ Record destinations and purposes accurately.
- ☐ Keep earlier trips and associated records available for review.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-131: Travel Documents, Parole Documents, and Arrival/Departure Records

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-131>

USCIS: Humanitarian or significant-public-benefit parole: admission distinction

https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian_parole

USCIS: Humanitarian programs: official category navigation

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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Source links (continued)

USCIS: Unlawful presence and inadmissibility: statutory framework and current alerts

<https://www.uscis.gov/laws-and-policy/other-resources/unlawful-presence-and-inadmissibility>

Return to the complete guide

<https://immigrantinsider.com/immigration-paths/humanitarian/humanitarian-travel/>

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