

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Travel during a pending case: identify three separate effects

Does a pending case or travel document guarantee I can return?

No. A pending request, a travel document and an admission decision are different things. The I-131 owner covers several document processes with different purposes; the actual case, document scope and current departure and return rules must be reviewed separately.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify pending request and its issuing institution.
- ☐ Identify travel document and its issuing institution.
- ☐ Identify intended itinerary and its issuing institution.
- ☐ Identify prior admission and its issuing institution.
- ☐ Write the unresolved question without guessing its legal effect.

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>

U.S. Department of State: Visa information: frequently asked questions

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/frequently-asked-questions.html>

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>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/status/travel-pending/>

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