

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR ADVANCE PAROLE**

### **\*Requirements and Application Procedures**

### **for persons with pending Adjustment of Status applications\***

If you have filed an application with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to become a legal permanent resident (green card holder), you may be eligible to leave the United States on a temporary basis with authorization from the Service. To qualify for this temporary departure, known as advance parole, you must meet certain requirements:

#### **Advance Parole Requirements:**

- You must be physically present in the United States.
- You should not have accrued more than 180 days of unlawful presence in the United States before you filed your application for adjustment of status - for adjustment applications filed on or after September 28th, 1997. If you have been unlawfully present for the period of time mentioned previously, you may not be allowed to reenter the United States for a three year or ten year period (depending on the length of time you were unlawfully present). You may also be subject to removal proceedings under section 235(b)(1) or 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(Note: At the time of your adjustment of status interview, you may be eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility for unlawful presence if you meet certain extreme hardship requirements. The form to file for this waiver is the Application for Waiver of Ground of Excludability, form I-601.)

- You may not be in removal proceedings at the time you request advance parole.
- You are not subject to the 2 year foreign residence requirement due to having held J-1 status.

#### **How to Apply for Advance Parole:**

If you meet these advance parole requirements and would like to apply for advance parole, you need to mail in the documents listed below:

- Completed, signed Application for Travel Document, form I-131.  
[You may receive this form by calling 1-800-870-3676 (FORM), which is the INS Forms Request Line, or by asking an Information Officer in Room 1001, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles.]
- Completed, signed check or money order (payable to U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) for \$95.00, which is the fee for adjudicating form I-131.
- Copy of Photo identification (California ID, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or passport).
- Copy of your adjustment of status receipt letter.
- Two color photographs which meet the requirements specified on the form I-131 instructions.
- If emergent request, letter describing the emergency condition. Also, submit available evidence.
- Be sure to list the eight digit A-number associated with your pending adjustment of status case. Also, list all A-numbers you have been assigned in your transactions with the Service.

Please mail form I-131 and the supporting documents listed above to: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Attn: Advance Parole, P.O. Box 532329, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2329. You will receive a notice of decision within ten days of when the Service receives your application.