

ADVANCE PAROLE | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I use my Advance Parole (AP) document?

When you go through immigration inspection, you will present your valid passport and your valid Advance Parole.

2. Do I have to carry both copies of my Advance Parole?

You should carry both original copies of your Advance Parole. USCIS may keep one and will give you back one with your entry stamp on it. You should always have one original Advance Parole document. If you are traveling with only one original AP, you should advise USCIS that you will need to travel again so they will return your original AP to you.

3. How long can I stay outside of the U.S. if I travel on my Advance Parole?

You must return to the U.S. before the Advance Parole expires. There are no time restrictions on how long you can stay outside the U.S.

4. Can I travel on my H-1B visa after I used my Advance Parole to enter the U.S. on my last trip?

Yes.

5. I entered the U.S. on my Advance Parole during my last trip. The immigration officer issued me an I-94 card with an expiration date that is one year from my date of entry. Will I be out of status when my I-94 expires?

No. You are an applicant for Adjustment of Status so your I-94 card does not control your legal stay/status in the U.S.

6. I received my Advance Parole renewal but my current Advance Parole is still valid. Is it okay to keep using the current document to travel until it expires or does the new document cancel out the old one?

The new Advance Parole does not cancel the old Advance Parole. If you are outside the United States, you must return to the U.S. using the earlier Advance Parole approval and must return while that parole is still valid. The new parole document cannot be sent to you abroad. For subsequent trips, you should use the latest Advance Parole during its validity period. Again, you must return to the U.S. before the document expires. Each time you file for a new Advance Parole authorization, you must be physically present in the U.S. when the application is filed and received by the USCIS. While you can travel while the application is pending so long as you have another valid means of returning to the U.S., as stated above, the AP document cannot be mailed to you abroad to use to enter the U.S.