



CBP One Parole Update and Frequently Asked Questions

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The IRC has created resources for clients in the U.S. who may be impacted by this update. We hope this helps people better understand their rights, seek support and access services. However, this information is not a substitute for legal advice from a qualified attorney or accredited representative.

What happened?

On **March 31, 2026**, a federal judge ruled that the Trump administration **wrongly ended the parole status** of people who entered the United States using the **CBP One app** during the Biden administration between May 16, 2023, to January 19, 2025, and who later had their parole terminated by mass email in April 2025.

The judge explained that the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cannot cancel parole for large groups of people all at once**. The court found that DHS did not follow the law or its own regulations when it sent mass emails terminating parole. Instead, the **law requires the government to make parole decisions on a case-by-case basis**, considering each person's individual situation.

Because of this ruling, the government must undo the mass parole terminations. **For people who received this termination email, parole status and related work authorization must be restored as long as they're currently living in the United States**. The judge ordered DHS to reinstate parole **nationwide** for individuals affected by the mass email campaign. The administration has indicated it plans to **appeal this decision**, meaning future developments are possible. However, unless and until the decision is changed by a higher court, DHS must comply with the court's order.

Who is covered by this court decision?

This decision applies to individuals who (1) are **currently in the United States**, (2) **entered the United States using the CBP One app** between May 16, 2023, to January 19, 2025, and (3) received a **mass termination** email in April 2025 from DHS stating that their parole was revoked and instructing them to leave the US. The ruling applies only to parole terminations issued by the mass **emails**, not to individualized parole revocations. If you received a notice addressed to you personally saying that your parole was terminated, this decision may not apply to you.

Does this mean my parole is automatically restored?

The court ordered DHS to **restore parole** for people affected by the mass termination emails. This means you are **legally protected** by the court's decision, even if DHS records are not **updated immediately**. DHS systems can take time to reflect the changes, and the government may issue additional instructions in the coming weeks. To find out if your parole has been restored, you can check your most recent I-94 on the DHS website:

<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/search/recent-search>. Even if you do not see an immediate update to your records, the court's order still applies unless a higher court changes it.

What about my work authorization?

Because work authorization for many CBP One entrants was **based on parole**, reinstatement of parole should also support the **restoration of work authorization**. USCIS has not yet said how it will provide documents to show renewed work authorization for people impacted by the court order, so you may expect a delay in obtaining a document showing your permission to work. You should **keep copies of all prior parole and employment authorization documents**.

My parole/work authorization is expired. Does this renew or extend my parole/work authorization?

The ruling by the judge does not say anything about renewing or extending parole or work authorization. If the expiration date of your last period of parole or work authorization has already passed, this ruling will **NOT restore or extend your parole or work authorization**.

Does this mean I can stay in the country for now?

If your parole was terminated **solely because of the mass CBP One termination emails**, the court's order blocks DHS from relying on those notices. You **should not leave the U.S. or "self-deport" based on those messages alone**. You should speak to an immigration attorney or accredited representative as soon as possible to better understand your options.

Does this give me permanent status or asylum?

No. This ruling **does not grant permanent legal status**, asylum, or any other long term immigration benefit or pathway to permanent status. Parole remains **temporary permission to reside in the US while you pursue an immigration relief**, and any underlying immigration cases (such as asylum applications or court proceedings) continue separately. *Keep in mind that there is one-year filing deadline for asylum applications from when you first entered the country.*

What if I have a pending asylum or immigration court case?

Your asylum or immigration case **continues as scheduled**. The court decision affects parole termination only and **does not cancel or decide your asylum claim or court obligations**. You should continue attending all appointments and hearings and complying with requirements in connection with any cases pending with USCIS or the immigration court.

What if DHS terminated my parole for another reason?

If your parole was terminated or revoked for **individualized reasons** (such as alleged criminal conduct or specific findings unrelated to the mass CBP One termination), this ruling may **not** apply to you. If you do not know why your parole was terminated, you should speak with an immigration attorney.

What should I do now?

For now, it's a good idea to take a few simple steps to stay informed and prepared:

- **Keep your documents safe.** Save copies of any parole papers, work permits (EADs), and messages or letters from DHS or USCIS. Keep all immigration records including evidence of entries or CBP One Appointments into the United States, especially if you entered within the timeframe, and the parole termination email from April 2025.

- **Check for updates regularly and pay attention to any new notices from DHS.**

Look out for new mail, emails, and notifications from DHS. Check your most [recent I-94 on the DHS website](#) often:

<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/search/recent-search>. If you receive new messages or letters from DHS, be sure you read them carefully and consider reaching out to a trusted legal services organization or attorney for help understanding next steps.



- **Be cautious about travel or major changes.**

Big decisions like traveling outside the U.S. or making changes related to your immigration status can have serious consequences, so it's best to pause and gather information first.

Where can I find more help?

Find Immigration Legal Service Providers in your area:

Immigration Advocates Network	American Immigration Lawyers Association	ASAP list of private attorneys	Rapid Response Network of Hotlines
			