



Cuban Family Reunification Modernization Act of 2021

- Cuban Family Reunification Parole (CFRP) Program Eligibility criteria per USCIS:
- You may be eligible to apply for parole for your relatives in Cuba under the CFRP program if:
 - You are either a U.S. citizen or LPR,
 - You have an approved Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, for a Cuban family member,
 - An immigrant visa is not yet available for your relative; and
 - You received an invitation from the Department of State’s National Visa Center (NVC) to participate in the CFRP Program. Please see the “Applying for CFRP” section below for more details.
- To be eligible, the principal beneficiary must:
 - Be a Cuban national living in Cuba; and
 - Have a petitioner who has been invited to participate in the CFRP Program.

The Cuban Family Reunification Modernization Act:

1. Codifies the existing Cuban Family Reunification Parole program,
2. Allows U.S. citizen or permanent resident to petition to have a family member paroled into the United States,
3. This bill would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to utilize the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to conduct in-person interviews of Cuban nationals, provided that the Secretary of Defense certifies that use of the naval station for this purpose would not hinder ordinary operations or threaten national security.
4. Resumes the processing of the CFRP Program at the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for limited U.S. consular services where U.S. personnel may safely conduct the interviews necessary for Cuban Family Reunification applicants.
 - The authorization to use the U.S. Naval Station for this purpose would lapse 60 days after the U.S. government determines that other accommodations have been made to allow for the regular and timely processing of immigration petitions or applications in Cuba.

- Those permitted to have their interviews will only be permitted on the premises if--
 - they have already submitted an application and have an appointment.
- This will provide the U.S. government with the ability to pre-screen those who enter and keep the daily appointments to a safe level.
- 5. Individuals cannot request Asylum at the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba – not a port of entry.
- 6. The U.S. Naval Station Commander may cease operating a facility for consular services, if operation and security of the U.S. Naval Station is impaired by the high number of Cuban nationals attempting to access consular services without an appointment.
- 7. In contrast to the chaos at the border, codifying this program will ensure an orderly, secure, and safe way for Cubans to have their applications processed on the island.
- **Immediate processing of current applicants**
 - The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, begins processing Cuban Family Reunification Parole applications, upon immediate enactment of this Act.
- **Preference for U.S. personnel**
 - All reasonable measures must be taken to ensure that consular activities are performed exclusively by U.S. citizen personnel, and that services performed in relation to visa applicants are not carried out by regime-provided Cuban nationals.
- **Human Rights Abusers**
 - Prohibits human rights abusers from benefiting from the parole program.
- **Minor Children**
 - Includes minor children, in Cuba or in a third country, of a Cuban national parent.