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**Subject:** USCIS Message: New Online Tool for the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) and Cuban Family Reunification Parole (CFRP) Programs

Dear Stakeholder,

We are pleased to introduce a new online tool for the Haitian Family Reunification Parole (HFRP) and Cuban Family Reunification Parole (CFRP) Programs. This new tool will help petitioners confirm whether they were issued an invitation to apply for the HFRP or CFRP program on behalf of their relative(s).

The HFRP and CFRP programs allow certain eligible Haitian or Cuban beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant visa petitions (Form I-130) to be paroled into the United States while they wait for an immigrant visa to become available. Once paroled into the United States, these relatives can apply for work authorization while they wait to apply for lawful permanent resident status.

To be eligible to apply to the HFRP or CFRP Program for a family member abroad, petitioners must first receive an invitation letter from the Department of State's National Visa Center (NVC) inviting them to apply. If petitioners misplace their invitation or do not receive an invitation because they did not update their address with the NVC, they can use the online self-check tool to determine whether they were invited to apply for the HFRP or CFRP program.

To use the online eligibility tool, the petitioner must enter their Department of State case number. Once the petitioner enters the Department of State case number, they will receive either a confirmation that they were sent an invitation to apply for the HFRP or CFRP program, or a message indicating that they were not sent an invitation letter and therefore are not eligible to apply for these programs at this time.

This tool does not expand the eligibility criteria for the HFRP or CFRP programs. All existing policies regarding the HFRP and CFRP program eligibility remain the same. All applications for the HFRP and CFRP programs must be mailed according to the instructions in the invitation letter.

Please note that the next batch of HFRP invitation letters will be sent in the coming weeks.

For additional information or to use the online eligibility tool, please visit <https://my.uscis.gov/humanitarian/hfrp> or <https://my.uscis.gov/humanitarian/cfrp>.

Kind regards,

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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