



Important Update: Presidential Proclamation – Travel Restrictions Effective June 9, 2025

On June 4, 2025, a Presidential Proclamation was issued titled “*Restricting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats.*” This proclamation establishes a **full travel ban** on 12 countries and a **partial travel ban** on 7 countries, effective at **12:01 a.m. (EDT) on June 9, 2025.**

Full Ban Countries

Nationals of the following 12 countries are subject to a full suspension of entry into the United States as both **immigrants and nonimmigrants**:

- Afghanistan
- Burma
- Chad
- Republic of the Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Haiti
- Iran
- Libya
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Yemen

Partial Ban Countries

Nationals of the following 7 countries are subject to a suspension of entry into the United States under specific visa categories, including **B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J** visas:

- Burundi
- Cuba
- Laos
- Sierra Leone
- Togo
- Turkmenistan
- Venezuela



Exceptions

These travel restrictions apply **only to nationals of the listed countries who are outside the United States and do not have a valid U.S. visa as of June 9, 2025.**

- Individuals who are **already in the United States** on or before June 9, 2025, are **not subject** to the ban.
- Individuals who are **outside the U.S. but possess a valid visa as of June 9, 2025**, are also **likely not affected**.

General Travel Advisory for Individuals Not Subject to the Presidential Proclamation

We strongly advise against international travel at this moment, particularly for students who are planning to renew their visas, as we have observed an increase in visa rejections. Even for students with valid visas, we recommend avoiding international travel due to the rapidly changing environment.

If you do choose to travel, you must have the following documents:

a valid passport (valid for at least six months beyond your intended return), a valid visa, a signed I-20 with a recent travel signature, and proof of school enrollment, such as enrollment verification or class registration for the upcoming semester. You may also carry your financial statements and most recent I-94.

Students on OPT/STEM OPT should carry the following documents when traveling:

- I-20 with a valid travel signature (must be signed within the last 6 months)
- **Valid passport** that does not expire for at least 6 months
- **Valid F-1 visa**
- **Valid EAD card** (Employment Authorization Document)
- **Proof of employment**, such as:
 - o Recent pay stubs
 - o Letter from employer confirming employment

*We strongly advise against traveling while your OPT application is pending. Please contact our office to discuss your travel plans before making any arrangements.



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Advisory

If you are a national of one of the countries listed above, we strongly advise against international travel at this time, even if you hold a valid visa.

We understand this news may be deeply frustrating and may have a significant impact on your plans. If you have any questions or concerns, or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We are here to support you.

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