

E-mail to hiring departments

Subject: Important Immigration Update: New Travel Restriction Proclamation

Greetings,

I wanted to inform you that we have sent the below communication to our international community in response to the recent U.S. Presidential Proclamation restricting travel from several countries.

We understand the potential impact this may have, and please be assured that our team is conducting a **comprehensive impact analysis** to identify any individuals within our population who may be directly affected by this mandate. As part of this process, we will be **proactively reaching out to those individuals on a case-by-case basis** to offer guidance, answer questions, and provide support tailored to their situation.

Transparency and timely communication are key, so for your visibility, I've included below the exact message that will be shared with the international population.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss specific cases.

Warm regards,

E-mail to UAMS international population

Subject: Important Immigration Update: U.S. Travel Restrictions & Visa Processing

Greetings,

We would like to share important updates following a recent U.S. Presidential Proclamation and ongoing visa processing changes that may affect some members of our international community.

U.S. Presidential Proclamation – Effective June 9, 2025

Summary: A new presidential proclamation, signed on June 4, 2025, imposes travel restrictions on nationals from the following **12 countries**, barring most from entering the U.S.: **Afghanistan; Myanmar, also known as Burma; Chad; Republic of the Congo; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Haiti; Iran; Libya; Somalia; Sudan; and Yemen.**

In addition, **7 countries**—**Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela**—are subject to **targeted restrictions**, affecting specific visa categories including **B-1/B-2, F, M, and J visas.**

Who Is Impacted

- Nationals of the 12 fully restricted countries who are currently **outside the U.S.** and **do not hold a valid visa as of June 9.** *
- Nationals of the 7 partially restricted countries **outside the U.S.** and **do not hold a valid visa as of June 9** and would enter the U.S. on B, F, M, or J status. *

* Implementation details are still emerging. **Guidance from DHS and the State Department may change how these restrictions are applied**, and we will update our interpretation as more information becomes available.

Who Is Not Impacted

- Nationals of any country other than those specified above.
- Nationals of the restricted countries who are currently in the U.S. on a valid visa status, or who have a pending application with the USCIS. *Please note this does not impact the processing of any nonimmigrant or immigrant petitions (H-1Bs, I-140s, EADs, etc.) filed with USCIS.*
- U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (green card holders).
- Immediate family members (spouses and children under 21) of U.S. citizens or LPRs.
- Dual nationals traveling on a passport from a non-listed country.
- [See proclamation](#) for full list of exceptions.

Important Travel Advisory

If you are a national of one of the restricted countries, we **strongly advise against any international travel** at this time. Leaving the U.S. could jeopardize your ability to return while these restrictions remain in place. **Please contact our team immediately if you are a citizen of a restricted country and are currently outside the US.**

Visa Processing Update – J and F Visas

Please note that the **Department of State’s pause on issuing consular appointments for J and F visa categories remains in effect.** At this time, there is no announced timeline for resumption. Our team is closely monitoring the situation and will keep you informed of any changes or new developments.

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We recognize the uncertainty this may cause and remain committed to supporting our international population. If you have questions or need assistance with your specific circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact us at AskImmigration@uams.edu.