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This advisory is based on the following travel and other restrictions for nationals of various countries:

- June 4, 2025 Travel Ban Proclamation: [Restricting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats](#)
- December 2, 2025 USCIS PM 602-0192: [Hold on asylum and all other benefits applications for high-risk countries](#)
- December 16, 2025 Travel Ban Proclamation: [Restricting and Limiting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the Security of the United States](#)
- January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194: [Hold and Review of USCIS Benefit Applications Filed by Aliens from Additional High-Risk Countries](#)
- January 8, 2026 Department of State Posting: [Countries Subject to Visa Bonds](#)
- January 16, 2026 Department of State Posting: [Immigrant Visa Processing Updates for Nationalities at High Risk of Public Benefits Usage](#)

Some of the restrictions overlap and may conflict. For instance, a travel ban may prohibit all B1/B2 visitor visas for nationals of a certain country, while Department of State guidance provides for B1/B2 bonds for the same country. Assume the most restrictive rule applies.

Some of these restrictions may be subject to litigation, which may affect whether they are in force.

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Laos	<u>Travel Ban</u> (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026. (Expands June 4, 2025 <u>Travel Ban</u> to include all nonimmigrants.) USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 <u>USCIS PM-602-0192</u> . Continued by January 1, 2026 <u>USCIS PM-602-0194</u> . <u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.

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Moldova	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Mongolia	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Montenegro	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Morocco	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
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Niger	<u>Travel Ban</u> (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.

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Nigeria	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p> <p>B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
North Macedonia	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Pakistan	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Palestinian Authority	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p>
Russia	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Rwanda	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.

Saint Kitts and Nevis	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Saint Lucia	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Sao Tome and Principe	B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective October 23, 2025.
Senegal	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p> <p>B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Sierra Leone	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026. (Expands June 4, 2025 Travel Ban to include all nonimmigrants.)</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>

Somalia	<p>Travel Ban (June 4, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EDT June 9, 2025. Continued by December 16, 2025 Travel Ban.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
South Sudan	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Sudan	<p>Travel Ban (June 4, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EDT June 9, 2025. Continued by December 16, 2025 Travel Ban.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Syria	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026. (Expands June 4, 2025 Travel Ban to include all nonimmigrants.)</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>

Tajikistan	<u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.
Tanzania	<p><u>Travel Ban</u> (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p><u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p> <p><u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective October 23, 2025.</p>
Thailand	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Togo	<p><u>Travel Ban</u> (June 4, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EDT June 9, 2025. Continued by December 16, 2025 Travel Ban.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p><u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p> <p><u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Tonga	<p><u>Travel Ban</u> (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p>

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Tunisia	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Turkmenistan	<u>Travel Ban</u> (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants. Certain exceptions apply. The June 4, 2025 <u>ban</u> on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants lifted. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026. <u>USCIS PM-602-0192</u> . <u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.
Tuvalu	<u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.
Uganda	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026. <u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.
Uruguay	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Uzbekistan	<u>Freeze on immigrant visas</u> (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.
Vanuatu	<u>B1/B2 visa bond</u> of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.

Venezuela	<p>Travel Ban (June 4, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EDT June 9, 2025. Continued by December 16, 2025 Travel Ban.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Yemen	<p>Travel Ban (June 4, 2025) – Full travel ban on both immigrants and nonimmigrants. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EDT June 9, 2025. Continued by December 16, 2025 Travel Ban.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per December 2, 2025 USCIS PM-602-0192. Continued by January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>Freeze on immigrant visas (only) at consulates - public charge. Applications still accepted and consular interviews may be conducted, but no immigrant visas may be issued by consulates during the freeze. Does not apply to dual nationals, if the other country is not subject to the freeze. Does not apply to nonimmigrant visas. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>
Zambia	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective August 20, 2025.</p>
Zimbabwe	<p>Travel Ban (December 16, 2025) – Full travel ban on immigrants and on B1, B2, B1/B2, F, M, and J nonimmigrants. Validity of other nonimmigrant visas to be reduced to the extent permitted by law. Certain exceptions apply. Effective 12:01am EST January 1, 2026.</p> <p>USCIS hold on affirmative benefit adjudications, per January 1, 2026 USCIS PM-602-0194.</p> <p>B1/B2 visa bond of \$5k, \$10k, or \$15k, under INA § 221(g)(3). Submit Form I-352 to post bond only after consular officer requires it. Effective January 21, 2026.</p>