



Travel Ban: Proclamation Restricting Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the US

This guidance is effective June 5, 2025, and could be subject to change

What is the Proclamation Restricting Entry of Foreign Nationals (travel ban)?

On June 4, 2025, President Trump issued an [order](#) barring the issuance of new visas for admission to the US of nationals of 19 countries. The travel ban will go into effect at 12:01am Eastern time on **June 9, 2025**. For some countries, all nationals are barred, and for other countries, only those applying for certain visa categories are barred. There are exceptions for those who already have certain legal status in the US and those seeking visas for certain reasons, for example to join close US citizen relatives. Importantly, individuals who already have valid visas issued prior to June 9, 2025 are permitted to enter. See more information about these exceptions below.

What nationalities are barred from getting visas or coming to the US under the travel ban proclamation?

Nationals of the following countries who are seeking immigrant visas (except certain family-based visas – see below) as well as non-immigrant B-1, B2, B-1/B-2 (visitor), F (student), M (vocational training), and J (cultural exchange) visas are barred:	Nationals of the following countries seeking any kind of visa (except certain family-based visas – see below) are barred:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">BurundiCubaLaosSierra LeoneTogoTurkmenistanVenezuela	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AfghanistanBurmaChadRepublic of Congo (Brazzaville)Equatorial GuineaEritreaHaitiIranLibyaSomaliaSudanYemen

Are there any exceptions to the travel ban?

Some categories of people seeking entry to the US are exempt from the visa/travel ban, including:	Also, the travel ban does <u>not</u> apply to the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">US CitizensLawful Permanent Residents (LPRs, or greencard holders)People with dual citizenshipSpouses, parents and unmarried children under 21 of US citizens seeking immigrant visasAfghan Special Immigrants (SIV)Certain religious and ethnic minorities from IranCertain diplomats and athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anyone <u>already granted status in the United States</u>, including <u>refugees</u>, <u>asylees</u>, <u>LPRs</u> and those here on valid visas.Anyone outside the US who already has an approved, valid visa or whose visa is issued before 12:01am Eastern Daylight Time on June 9, 2025.

What if I am in the US and applying for asylum or LPR/greencard status?

The travel ban does not affect people who are already in the US and are seeking an immigration benefit such as asylum or adjustment (change) of status to permanent resident.

I am a refugee. Can my spouse/child join me through an I-730 Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition?

The travel ban does not say if refugee spouses and children from the listed countries will be permitted to enter the US, but refugee processing has been suspended under a separate government order, so entry as a refugee from most countries is currently not possible. A lawsuit has been filed challenging the suspension, but it is unclear at this time if refugees from the above-listed countries will be allowed to enter the US if and when the suspension of refugee processing is lifted.

I am an asylee. Can my spouse/child join me through an I-730 Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition?

The travel ban order does not say if asylee spouses and children from the listed countries will be permitted to enter the US, so it is unclear at this time.

I am a Lawful Permanent Resident (greencard holder). Can my spouse or child apply for a visa to join me in the US if they are from one of the listed countries?

No, only the **spouse, unmarried child under 21 or parent** of a **US citizen** may apply for a family-based immigrant visa if they are a national of one of the countries subject to the travel ban.

I have questions about myself or my relative outside the US. Where can I find help?

If you have not already done so, you should consult with an immigration legal service provider. You can find assistance here: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/> or here: <https://ailalawyer.com/>