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June 2025 Travel Ban: What You Need to Know

On June 4, 2025, President Trump issued a proclamation restricting entry into the U.S. of foreign nationals from certain countries, citing security concerns and public safety. **The ban took effect on June 9, 2025.**

It applies to nationals of select countries who were 1) outside the United States as of June 9, 2025, and 2) not issued a valid visa as of June 9, 2025.

Who is impacted?

Full Travel Ban: The ban fully suspends entry into the U.S. of immigrants (people coming permanently) and nonimmigrants (people coming temporarily) for nationals of these 12 countries:

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

Partial Travel Ban: The ban suspends entry into the U.S. of immigrants and B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J nonimmigrant visa holders and reduces the validity period of all visas issued after June 9, 2025, for nationals from these 7 countries:

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

Possible Future Suspension: The proclamation also notes that the U.S. will review Egypt's screening and vetting procedures to determine if it should be subject to a ban but does not impose restrictions now.

The administration will review the list of impacted countries within 90 days, and countries may be added to or removed from these lists.

The Department of State also **announced** on June 7, 2025, that individuals subject to these bans may still submit visa applications and schedule interviews, but they may be denied the visa or admission to the United States.

Are there exceptions?

There are exceptions. The travel ban does not apply to:

- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (those who obtained permanent residence prior to June 9, 2025)
- Dual nationals of designated countries when they are traveling on a passport from a non-restricted country
- Visa holders in the following categories: A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1, NATO-2, NATO- 3, NATO-4, NATO-5, or NATO-6
- Athletes and coaches traveling for the World Cup, Olympics, or other major sporting events
- Spouses, parents, or children of U.S. citizens applying for permanent residence, in certain circumstances
- Adoptions

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- Afghan Special Immigrant Visas
- Special Immigrant Visas for U.S. government employees
- Immigrant visas for ethnic and religious minorities facing persecution in Iran
- Individuals granted asylum
- Refugees already admitted to the U.S.
- Individuals granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture

Exceptions may also be allowed on a case-by-case basis if travel would serve a U.S. national interest. However, the criteria for granting the exceptions are currently not known.

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