



Executive Order Summary:

Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States

On January 27, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order entitled [*Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States \(#13769\)*](#), which includes directives that will impact various members of the University community. A summary of the main provisions of the order and subsequent agency interpretations/policy follows:

Suspension of visa issuance and other benefits to certain foreign nationals

- The order specifies current countries of concern: Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.
- For 90 days, entry to the United States is suspended for individuals from these countries.
 - US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) clarified that these travel restrictions apply to citizens of the identified countries, based on the passport they present for inspection (not their country of birth or residency). Dual citizens traveling on a passport from a non-restricted country will be admissible, even if they hold citizenship and/or a passport from one of the restricted countries.
 - The order included both immigrant and nonimmigrant travelers. In a statement on 1/29, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) cited exceptions for US Lawful Permanent Residents, if they are otherwise admissible. The agency also clarified an exemption from this travel restriction for Landed Immigrants of Canada who have appropriate US visa documents.
- As part of the order, government agencies are directed to determine what information should be required to grant visa issuance, admission to the United States, and immigration benefits. Countries that are unable or unwilling to supply this information may be subject to similar restrictions in the future.
 - The order specifies restricted travel permissions, but no immediate impact to the processing of immigration benefits. US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicated that they continue to process applications and petitions for individuals already in the US, regardless of their citizenship or nationality. This includes requests for F-1 Optional Practical Training, J-2 work authorization, H-1B petitions, etc.

Suspension of US Refugee Admissions Program

- For 120 days, refugee applicants from any country will not be admitted to the United States. Refugee applications from Syrian nationals are suspended indefinitely.
- Government agencies are directed to establish additional procedures for the review of refugee applications, with a cap of 50,000 and priority given to those facing religious-based persecution.

Suspension of Visa Interview Waiver Program

- All individuals seeking a nonimmigrant visa must undergo an in-person consular interview. The option to renew a visa by “dropbox” to skip this scheduling requirement is suspended.

Other Provisions

- Expedited completion of a biometric entry-exit system for all travelers at US Ports of Entry.
- Review of visa agreements to ensure similar treatment of US nationals by other countries.
- Periodic public reports regarding public safety metrics and crimes committed by foreign nationals.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Temporary Restraining Order issued February 3, 2017

A Federal court issued a temporary restraining order to prohibit enforcement of certain provisions of the Executive Order. To comply, DHS resumed inspection for all travelers, regardless of citizenship, and is admitting to the US those who are eligible under existing policies. The Department of State also announced that any visas provisionally revoked under the order were reinstated. On February 9th, an appellate court upheld this ruling. Other aspects of the order remain in effect, such as the Visa Interview Waivers and other mandated agency reviews.