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Community Alert

The New Muslim Ban: What You Need to Know

On Sunday, September 24, 2017, President Trump issued a new Muslim Ban. Every version of the Muslim Ban has faced opposition by the courts and the American people. This latest version will be no different. Below we explain the impact of the new ban and how you can make your opposition to the ban heard.

Immediate Impact

As of September 24, 2017, all foreign nationals from Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, and Somalia, who do NOT have a bona fide relationship to a U.S. family member or entity CANNOT enter the United States. But, nationals from these countries with a close family member living in the U.S., an acceptance letter to study in the U.S. or an offer of employment in the U.S., CAN enter the U.S. until October 17, 2017. This is known as the “bona fide relationship” exception.

On October 18, the “bona fide relationship exception” will expire and the new Muslim Ban will take full effect. The new ban creates exceptions for countries that sometimes differ for immigrant and nonimmigrant visas.

Thus to understand the ban you may need to differentiate between an immigrant and nonimmigrant visa. An immigrant visa allows foreign nationals to come to the U.S. to get a green card and reside in the U.S. permanently. A nonimmigrant visa is a temporary visa issued to a foreign national for a particular purpose such as tourism, business, or study.

The following table outlines the restrictions and effective dates of the ban on individuals from Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Chad, North Korea and Yemen:

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW MUSLIM BAN

	IMMIGRANT VISAS SUSPENDED	NON- IMMIGRANT VISAS SUSPENDED	*EFFECTIVE DATE	
			NO BFR	BFR
SYRIA	ALL	ALL	9/24	10/18
NORTH KOREA	ALL	ALL	10/18	10/18
SOMALIA	ALL	NONE	9/24	10/18
LIBYA	ALL	ONLY B1/B2	9/24	10/18
YEMEN	ALL	ONLY B1/B2	9/24	10/18
CHAD	ALL	ONLY B1/B2	10/18	10/18
VENEZUELA	NONE	ONLY B1/B2 FOR SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY	10/18	10/18
IRAN	ALL	ALL EXCEPT STUDENT (F, J, M) VISAS	9/24	10/18

*BFR = Bona Fide Relationship with a U.S. person or entity. On October 18, 2017 the entire new Ban takes full effect and the "Bona Fide Relationship" exception expires.
 **For a complete list of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Visas Visit: <http://bit.ly/1OZekID>



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- **Chad, Libya, and Yemen:** All immigrant visas and nonimmigrant business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas are suspended from entering the U.S.
- **Iran:** Immigrant and nonimmigrant entry will be suspended for Iranian nationals except for individuals with a student visa (F Visa), exchange program visa (J Visa) or vocational visa (M Visa). Individuals with a F, J, or M visas will be subject to enhanced screening.
- **Somalia:** Immigrant visas are suspended for Somali nationals. Non-immigrant visas are permitted, but will be subjected to heightened screening.
- **Syria and North Korea:** All immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the U.S. is suspended.
- **Venezuela:** Government officials and immediate family members of individuals involved in Venezuela's screening and vetting procedures cannot enter on nonimmigrants business (B-1), tourist (B-2) and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas. Nationals of Venezuela who are visa holders are subject to additional measures.

Who is NOT impacted

- Citizens and Green Card holders
- Individuals with two passports - dual nationals – if they are traveling using a passport from country not included on the above list
- Any foreign national who has been granted asylum in the United States
- Any refugee who has already been admitted to the United States
- Any individual who has been granted withholding of removal, advance parole, or protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)
- No changes were made in the new Muslim Ban that impact refugees. There continues to be a 120-day ban for all refugees who do not have a bona fide family relationship until October 24, 2017.

How to get legal help?

Contact the organizations below if you or someone you know is impacted by the new Muslim Ban. [You can also click here to register you your travel with CAIR-LA.](#) And request a “Know Your Rights” presentation by [clicking here](#).

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