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NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs



Travel Ban Fact Sheet

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What is the travel ban and who is affected?

On September 24, 2017, President Trump issued a new ban on travel to the United States for people from certain countries. Ongoing litigation is changing how the Travel Ban may be implemented. The Ban had previously been almost entirely suspended by federal courts. However, on December 4, 2017, the Supreme Court allowed the U.S. government to temporarily enact the Travel Ban, and the full Travel Ban went into effect on December 8, 2017. The Supreme Court will decide on the legality of the Ban in coming months, but it is in effect in the meantime.

The Ban applies travel restrictions by barring visa issuance to certain people from eight countries, subject to certain exceptions:



Chad



Iran



Syria



Libya



Yemen



Somalia



Venezuela



North Korea

I have legal questions about what the travel ban means. How can I get immigration help?

Some categories of people are exempt from the Travel Ban. Any New Yorker with questions on how the Travel Ban could impact them or their loved ones should consult with a trusted legal advisor. If you are concerned about how the travel ban may affect you or your family members, call 311 and say "ActionNYC" appointment for free and safe immigration legal help.

How can I avoid fraud while I am seeking immigration legal help?

Beware of unlicensed immigration service providers who take advantage of their customers. Get help only from a trusted, licensed attorney or an accredited representative. Only lawyers or those who have gotten permission from the Department of Justice can give legal advice.

For questions about this, or to report fraud, call the New York State New Americans Hotline at 1-800-566-7636 between 9am-8pm, on Monday through Friday, or call 311.



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What is the current status of refugee admissions?

On October 24, 2017, the Trump Administration issued an executive order that resumed the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, after it had been suspended by the first two travel bans. However several new limitations apply:

- Refugees are being admitted to the country, but at historically low rates.
- The President has capped the maximum number of refugees who may be admitted to the United States this fiscal year at 45,000 people, a historically low number.

Additional City Resources

- **Stay Informed:** Visit nyc.gov/travelban for the latest information on the travel ban.
- **Volunteer:** Join the Mayor's Office during upcoming town halls and workshops. Visit nyc.gov/MOIAVolunteer or email MOIA-Volunteers@cityhall.nyc.gov
- **Inform & Engage:** Invite the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to your community for a "Know Your Rights Forum." Visit nyc.gov/InviteMOIA or call (212) 788-7654.
- **Protection from Discrimination:** New Yorkers also have the right to be free from unlawful discrimination, retaliation, and harassment in the workplace, housing, and public places. To file a complaint or learn more, call 311 and say "human rights" or call the NYC Commission on Human Rights at (718) 722-3131.

What are the travel ban restrictions for each of the designated countries?

- **Chad:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.
- **Iran:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.
- **Libya:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.
- **North Korea:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: October 18, 2017.
- **Syria:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.
- **Venezuela:** Immigrant Visas: May be subject to "additional scrutiny." Non-immigrant Visas: B1, B2, and B1/B2 visas for certain government officials and their immediate family members are suspended. Effective Date: October 18, 2017.
- **Somalia:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.
- **Yemen:** Immigrant Visas: All suspended. Non-immigrant Visas: All suspended. Effective Date: December 4th, 2017.

