

Summary of Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak

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On April 22, 2020, President Trump issued a [proclamation](#) that temporarily suspends entry of certain new immigrants who do not already have an approved immigrant visa. The proclamation will go into effect at 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 23, 2020 and will expire 60 days from its effective date. The order states that it may be continued as necessary.

The proclamation temporarily suspends access to immigrant visas for those who are outside the United States, do not have an immigrant visa valid as of the effective date, and do not have an official travel document that was valid that permits entry into the United States.

The proclamation does not impact applicants for adjustment of status to permanent residence, minor children or spouses of citizens who are outside of the U.S. and applying for green cards and those coming to the country temporarily, including IMGs and their families, agricultural workers, other specialized workers and students.

The suspension and limitation on entry will not apply to:

- any lawful permanent resident of the U.S. (green card holder);
- **any person seeking to enter the U.S. on an immigrant visa as a physician, nurse, or other healthcare professional; to perform medical research or other research intended to combat the spread of COVID-19; or to perform work essential to combating, recovering from, or otherwise alleviating the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak; and any spouse and unmarried children under 21 years old of that person who are accompanying or following to join him/her;**
- any person applying for a visa to enter the U.S. pursuant to the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program;
- any person who is the spouse of a U.S. citizen;
- any person who is under 21 years old and is the child of a U.S. citizen, or who is a prospective adoptee seeking to enter the U.S. pursuant to the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications;
- any person whose entry would further important U.S. law enforcement objectives;
- any member of the U.S. Armed Forces and his/her spouse and children;
- any person seeking to enter the U.S. pursuant to a Special Immigrant Visa in the SI or SQ classification;
or
- any person whose entry would be in the national interest.

Additional Measures

Within 30 days of April 23, 2020, the Secretaries of Homeland Security, State, and Labor will review nonimmigrant programs to recommend additional measures in prioritizing the hiring and employment of U.S. workers.