

EXECUTIVE ORDERS & IMMIGRATION POLICY

“Our international students and scholars are essential to our identity and excellence. We are all Harvard...Drawing people together from across the nation and around the world is a paramount source of our University’s strength... Our robust commitment to internationalism is not an incidental or dispensable accessory. It is integral to all we do, in the laboratory, in the classroom, in the conference hall, in the world.”

— Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University

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What do we do?

- Assist nearly 10,000 international students, scholars and family members obtain appropriate immigration status to come to Harvard and maintain that status
- Provide guidance to the Harvard community on immigration matters
- Programming, advocacy and outreach

What does the EO do?

- Temporary suspension of visa issuance abroad and entry into the US for people from 7 countries (both immigrant and non-immigrant)
- Temporary suspension of admission of all refugees including an indefinite suspension of refugees from Syria
- Suspension of the Visa Interview Waiver Program

What we are seeing

- Some things are clear – 7 countries (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen)
- Many versions of this that are less clear– dual nationals, legal permanent residents, travel in the region
- Others from predominantly Muslim countries are concerned what might be coming
- Anxiety is very high

What is the HIO doing?

- Communication: Emails, presentations, individual appointments
- Advocacy within the University and beyond
- Informing the University of developments
- Keeping track of concerns expressed by the Harvard community as well as specific examples of those directly affected by the EO
- Passing questions to the HLS clinic for their consideration and to include in FAQ

How can we help right now?

- Information
- Employment and Travel Advice
- Support
- Advocacy

Concerns we are hearing

- Should I travel?
- What to do if I have a problem reentering US?
- Employment
- Parents and family members visiting
- Will there be additional countries added?
- What other changes might occur affecting immigration? (H-1B, TN, OPT)

Travel tips

- Carry with you:
 - Valid passport
 - Valid visa document (Form I-20, etc) with valid travel signature
 - Valid visa stamp

- Additional suggested items:
 - ▣ A letter from Harvard, attesting to your status
 - ▣ Phone number of someone at Harvard
 - ▣ Your resume/CV
 - ▣ Harvard Travel Assist 24-hour contact:
+1-617-998-0000 or travelassist@harvard.edu

HLS Immigration and Refugee Clinic

- What is the HLS IRC?
- What is the HLS IRC doing in response to these executive orders?

Resources

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