



International Refugee
Assistance Project

FACT SHEET: APRIL 2020 "IMMIGRATION BAN"

The International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) provides free legal help to refugees and displaced people. IRAP is not part of the U.S. government or International Organization for Migration (IOM). This guide provides general information. It is not meant as legal advice for individual applications.

This information was revised in April 2020. Requirements may change.

The [Presidential Proclamation](#) announced on April 22, 2020, titled "Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the United States Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak," bans the immigrant entry of certain foreign nationals for 60 days, or until **June 22, 2020**. It may be continued after that date.

IRAP has prepared this fact sheet to provide information specific to the impact of the Proclamation for our client populations. While many of the populations that IRAP assists are not directly impacted by this proclamation, IRAP strongly condemns this policy targeting immigrants and their families.

- **Refugees:** Not banned.
- **Follow-to-join refugees & asylees through I-730 petitions:** Not banned.
- **Parolees, including Central American Minors parole beneficiaries:** Not banned.
- **Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa holders (SI/SQ classifications):** Not banned.
- **Asylum seekers at the border:** Not banned.
- **Lawful permanent residents:** Not banned.
- **Non-immigrant visa applicants, including student visa applicants:** Not banned.
- **Family-based immigrant visa applicants (through approved I-130 petitions):** Not banned for U.S. citizens petitioning for a spouse or a minor child; visa entry through approved I-130 petitions banned for relatives of lawful permanent residents and parents, adult children, or siblings of U.S. citizens who do not already have visas. The Proclamation effectively bans new visa issuance but does not ban the filing, processing, or approval of family-based I-130 petitions or travel for beneficiaries with visas that have already been issued.
- **Clients who have already arrived in the United States:** Not banned, except that family reunification options may be affected as listed above.
- **Individuals with already-issued visas valid as of April 23, 2020:** Not banned.