

## **US Suspends Immigrant Visa Processing for 75 Countries**

**Beginning January 21, 2026**

The State Department will indefinitely pause immigrant visa processing for 75 countries beginning January 21, 2026. Officers have been directed to suspend adjudicating immigrant visa applications until screening and vetting procedures, including public charge issues, are reassessed.

The suspension of immigrant visas will not apply to applicants seeking non-immigrant visas such as visitors, students, and those seeking to travel to the World Cup in the U.S. this summer.

The list of countries currently includes:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of the Congo, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yemen

*Source: DOS*

