



## **DECEMBER 16, 2025: UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**

Updated U.S. Travel Restrictions Effective January 1, 2026.

Reference: [Fact Sheet: December 16, 2025](#) and [Proclamation: June 4, 2025](#).

**Restrictions on travel to the U.S. are currently in effect for individuals from the following countries, some of which are newly designated as of December 16, 2025:**

### **Full Suspension**

***New Restrictions:*** Burkina Faso, Laos, Mali, Niger, Palestinian Authority Documents, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Syria.

***Original Restrictions:*** Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Republic of the Congo, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

### **Partial Suspension on Immigrants and Non-Immigrants on B-1, B-2, F, M, and J Visas**

***New Restrictions:*** Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Gabon, The Gambia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Tonga, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

***Original Restrictions:*** Burundi, Cuba, Togo, and Venezuela.

### **Partial Suspension of Immigrants only**

Turkmenistan

**Who is exempt? Individuals from the affected countries may still travel to the U.S. if they are:**

- Lawful permanent residents (Green Card holders) of the U.S.
- Dual nationals traveling on the passport of an unrestricted country.
- Existing visa holders.
- Other [limited exceptions](#).

**We strongly recommend avoiding all non-essential international travel if you:**

- Are from a country included in the restriction and
- Hold an expired U.S. visa.

The travel restriction will be reviewed every 180 days (six-months). However, leaving the U.S. under these conditions could prevent returning to the U.S. for at least six months and may prevent your return indefinitely.

Remember to look for updates on the International Services [website](#), the U.S. Department of State [website](#), and if applicable to the appropriate resources of the country issuing your passport.

We deeply value the contributions of our international students, faculty, scholars, and staff that enrich the Clemson community and strengthen our campus life. If you have questions or need clarity on current travel restrictions and immigration issues, please contact [International Services](#) to arrange a meeting.