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Dania Brandford-Calvo/Second Letter to the International Community

The University of Rhode Island and its Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) are committed to supporting all members of our community and embracing its global nature. In light of President Donald Trump’s second Executive Order of 3/6/17 on Foreign National Entry into the United States (a/k/a the “Revised Travel Ban”), we are providing the following information to the URI Community.

Update of the Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

The President’s “Revised Travel Ban” (i.e. his Executive Order of 3/6/17) restricts entry into the United States of nationals (i.e. citizens) from six countries — Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Syria and Libya. Iraq was listed among those “restricted countries” in the prior “Travel Ban” EO of 1/27/17, but is no longer identified as a restricted country in the Revised Travel Ban. Although Iraq is no longer listed as a restricted country, the Executive Order states that nationals of Iraq seeking to enter the U.S. may be subject to “additional inquiries” and a “more comprehensive review.”

The travel ban runs for 90 days from the effective date of the order (March 16) and affects nationals from the six restricted countries. Any nationals from those six countries who are outside the United States on March 16 will not be permitted to enter the U.S. if they did not have a valid visa on Jan. 27, 2017, and do not have a valid visa as of March 16, 2017. Conversely, nationals of the six restricted countries who have a valid visa issued before March 16 will be permitted entry into the U.S. for as long as their visa is in effect.

- The new order exempts Green Card holders. They will be permitted to leave the country and return.
- It is not clear at this time whether current visa holders from the six restricted countries will be able to obtain any renewal or extension of their visas.

Additional information about the Revised Travel Ban, and its impact on students and employees of the University, can be found in a Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”) also posted on this webpage at http://web.uri.edu/iss/files/Immigration-FAQ-3-10-17final.pdf. The FAQs will be updated as appropriate in light of later developments on this topic.

For more information:

Office of International Students & Scholars/OISS Recommendations and Resources

We continue to encourage all citizens, nationals, dual nationals, etc. in particular, those from the impacted countries to:

- Examine your immigration documents (passport, I-20 and/or DS-2019 forms).
- If you need updated I-20 or DS-2019 documents, request a replacement as soon as possible.
- All students, scholars, professors, interns and their respective dependents, when travelling domestically (within the United States), carry copies (not originals) of your passport/visa and I-20/DH-2019 documents. Normally, this is not necessary.
- All students, scholars, professors, interns and their respective dependents, when traveling internationally, carry your I-20 and/or DS-2019 documents as well as the following additional documents:
  - Latest official academic transcripts
  - For those on OPT or beneficiaries of a URI Assistantship carry your Employment Letter
- All students, scholars, professors, interns and their respective dependents, obtain a travel signature(s) before traveling internationally.

The OISS Team is available to meet those impacted both directly and indirectly by this order. Do not hesitate to reach out:

- E-mail issoff@etal.uri.edu, call the office (401) 874-2395 or walk-in to share your concerns with the staff.
- The Office is opened 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Executive Order – Full Text


Other Resources and Developments

- What to expect when traveling: [The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Inspection Process](https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-inspection-process)
- What to expect when traveling: [CBP Search Authority](https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority)
- What to expect when traveling: [Inspection of Electronic Devices by CBP](https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority)
- CBP: [Statement and questions/answers regarding executive order](https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority)
- NAFSA Travel Advisory for Nationals of Certain Countries Pursuant to Executive Order
- [NAFSA Visa Revocation Basics](https://www.nafsa.org/nafsa-travel-advisory-forms-and-basics)
- [ACLU](https://www.aclu.org) of Rhode Island: 401-831-7171

Immigration Advocate Center - Non-Profit Resources in Rhode Island:
Excerpt from President Dooley’s letter to the University Community, January 30, 2017

“In 2017 the University of Rhode Island is much larger, much better, more influential, more diverse, and more successful than anyone may have envisioned in 1892, when URI was founded. It is a university truly worth celebrating, not for its facilities, or its traditions, but for its people. It is the diverse students, staff, and the faculty that have made, and will continue to make, the University of Rhode Island a truly special place that is a force for good in America and the world, no matter how uncertain or challenging our circumstances may be at any given moment.”