

On Monday, March 6, President Donald Trump revised an earlier executive order calling for a temporary suspension of entry into the United States for individuals from specific countries. The updated order now affects people from six countries, including Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, who do not currently hold a U.S. visa. Iraq is no longer included in the suspension of entry. The temporary order, which now includes the issuance of new student visas, will take effect Thursday, March 16. [You can read President Trump's executive order in its entirety here.](#)

Naturally, this development is likely to cause questions and concern among our current and prospective students from these countries. We contacted these students and their parents by email on Tuesday evening, March 7. I want to update you on the revised order and ask for your assistance when interacting with these students. Beyond our recent communications efforts, we are currently developing a website of resources for all students who have questions about the possible impacts these executive orders may have on their visa or immigration status. I will share that link once the website is ready.

Effects on current students from one of the six countries

The new executive order does not affect current students' ability to travel within the United States. However, if a student travels abroad and needs a new visa upon re-entry, they may face challenges. We are advising our current students from the six countries to contact Holly Singh, senior director of the [International Students and Scholars Center](#), at issc@asu.edu or at 480-727-4776 for advisement. Holly will work directly with the academic departments that are home to these students.

Effects on prospective students from one of the six countries

If prospective students from one of these countries have current visas to travel to the U.S., their ability to enroll at ASU should not be impeded. If prospective students do not have current visas, they will be unable to obtain one for at least 90 days from the order's effective date of Thursday, March 16. It is not clear what will happen at the expiration of the 90-day suspension period; our hope is that the decision is temporary. However, we do expect this suspension period may affect a student's decision to study at ASU. We are exploring

flexible enrollment options for these students and will be in touch with you as these plans develop.

Where you should refer students with questions

Regardless of their country of origin, we encourage you to extend support to our international students during this time of uncertainty. Current students should contact Holly Singh, at the phone or email address above.

Prospective students should contact César Flores, associate director of International Admissions, at asuinternational@asu.edu or 480-965-1277.

ASU's commitment to all students remains as strong as ever. Our charter states that we measure ourselves not by whom we exclude, but by whom we include. We believe that the diverse perspectives and backgrounds that our students contribute make us stronger and better, and this executive order does not change that.

Please email me if you have any follow-up questions. Thank you for your commitment to our students.

Sincerely,

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