



FACT SHEET: EXECUTIVE ORDER PAUSING SOME U.S. IMMIGRATION

President Trump has issued an Executive Order **pausing the issuance of immigrant visas for at least 60 days to people outside the United States, with broad exceptions.** It goes into effect on April 23, 2020 at 10 p.m. MDT.

This order does NOT affect the vast majority of immigrants who apply for status in the United States. The main group of people affected by the order are those seeking permanent immigrant visas or green cards through U.S. embassies and consulates in other countries. Immigration courts and the offices of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will continue to process cases, though they are currently operating on a limited basis due to the pandemic.

The Executive Order does NOT apply to:

- People already in the United States who apply for residency in the U.S.
- People who already have a valid immigrant visa
- Lawful permanent residents (green card holders)
- Spouses and children of U.S. citizens applying for residency at consulates abroad
- Asylees, refugees, and people seeking other forms of humanitarian relief
- Non-immigrant, temporary visas such as B-2, F-1, H-1, H-1B, H-2, and L-1
- A number of other groups, including:
 - Healthcare professionals and others working against the COVID-19 outbreak
 - People with a valid travel document other than a visa
 - Members of the U.S. military, and their spouses and children
 - EB-5 immigrant investor visas
 - SI and SQ visas for Iraqis and Afghans who assisted the U.S. government
 - People whose entry would further “important United States law enforcement objectives” or “be in the national interest”

Can I still apply for LPR status?

Most immigrants are still eligible to apply for their LPR status. This includes people who file applications with USCIS and the immigration courts, and well as spouses and children of citizens who are applying for status through a U.S. consulate.

If you have any questions about this executive order and its impacts on your case or need help with any other immigration-related issue, please contact the Meyer Law Office.