



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

**Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project  
Advisory on the Supreme Court's June 26, 2017 Ruling on the Muslim Ban**

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**What Did the Supreme Court Rule?**

- On June 26, 2017, the Supreme Court said that it would review President Trump's travel ban executive order during its next session in the fall, to determine if the travel ban is legal.
- The Supreme Court also partially upheld the lower court injunctions, ordering that the travel ban would remain suspended for those who have a credible claim to a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the U.S., but the travel ban would go into effect for those who do not.
- After the Supreme Court ruling, the State Department issued guidance defining which people and entities are exempt from the ban, narrowly interpreting "people" to include only certain close family members. On July 13, 2017, a Federal District Court in Hawaii ruled that the State Department was wrong, and expanded the types of family members and entities that are exempt from the ban.

**What Does this Mean?**

- The travel ban has gone into effect for some people while the case is pending with the Supreme Court. This is a temporary situation-from now until when the Court hears the case next session.

*Who is **not** subject to the travel ban?*

- If you are in the U.S. and plan to apply, or have applied, for asylum.
- If you have already been admitted into the U.S.
- If you have family in the U.S., including a: parent, parent-in-law, spouse, fiancé(e), child, adult son or daughter, son or daughter-in-law, whole or half-sibling, step-relative by marriage, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or cousin you can travel to the U.S.
- If you file a visa petition for a family member to immigrate to the U.S., your family member is not subject to the travel ban.
- If you have been approved to attend a school or have a job offer in the U.S.
- Refugees who are already in the U.S.
- Refugees outside the U.S. who have family relationships or assurances from a refugee resettlement agency in the United States.

*Who **is** subject to the ban?*

- People outside the U.S. who are from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen who do not have relationships with people or entities in the U.S. are subject to the travel ban and cannot enter the U.S. for at least 90 days.
- Refugees outside the U.S. who do not have relationships with people or entities in the U.S. will be subject to the travel ban and cannot enter U.S. for at least 120 days.

**If you have questions about how this may affect you or your family, you can call ILAP to schedule an intake appointment: 780-1593 extension #100.**

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