U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Carrier Liaison Program

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Executive Order: Visa Bonds (Updated)

A Temporary Final Rule (TFR) was published by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) on August 5, 2025, establishing the DOS Visa Bond Pilot Program (VBPP). The VBPP will proceed for 12 months and will require the nationals of certain countries applying for B-1/B-2 nonimmigrant visas to post a visa bond. Such visas will be issued for a single entry only. Presently, nationals of the following countries are subject to the VBPP, which are subject to change:

- The Gambia (effective October 11, 2025)
- Mali (effective October 23, 2025)
- Mauritania (effective October 23, 2025)
- Sao Tome and Principe (effective October 23, 2025)
- Tanzania (effective October 23, 2025)
- Malawi (Effective August 20, 2025)
- Zambia (Effective August 20, 2025)

Single-entry B-1/B-2 visas issued under the VBPP will be physically annotated with "CASH BOND POSTED." All visa holders who have "CASH BOND POSTED" printed on their visa must arrive at and depart from the United States via one of the following U.S. ports of entry, which are subject to change:

- Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
- Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

The processing of nationals from these countries who do not have "CASH BOND POSTED" annotated on their visa remains unchanged.

Should a VBPP alien (visa with "CASH BOND POSTED") be encountered at any other U.S. port of entry, aside from exigent circumstances such as a flight diversion, the carrier may be subject to a fine for each traveler brought to the United States.

Any questions concerning the scope or implementation of the VBPP, including the authorization for any traveler to board an aircraft or otherwise travel to the United States to seek admission, should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG) or other designated CBP official for adjudication prior to aircraft departure.