

Countries Subject to Visa Bonds

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The Department of State has identified nationals from these countries as needing visa bonds. The implementation dates are in parentheses:

- Algeria (January 21, 2026)
- Angola (January 21, 2026)
- Antigua and Barbuda (January 21, 2026)
- Bangladesh (January 21, 2026)
- Benin (January 21, 2026)
- Bhutan (January 1, 2026)
- Botswana (January 1, 2026)
- Burundi (January 21, 2026)
- Cabo Verde (January 21, 2026)
- Central African Republic (January 1, 2026)
- Cote D'Ivoire (January 21, 2026)
- Cuba (January 21, 2026)
- Djibouti (January 21, 2026)
- Dominica (January 21, 2026)
- Fiji (January 21, 2026)
- Gabon (January 21, 2026)
- The Gambia (October 11, 2025)
- Guinea (January 1, 2026)
- Guinea Bissau (January 1, 2026)
- Kyrgyzstan (January 21, 2026)
- Malawi (August 20, 2025)
- Mauritania (October 23, 2025)
- Namibia (January 1, 2026)
- Nepal (January 21, 2026)
- Nigeria (January 21, 2026)
- Sao Tome and Principe (October 23, 2025)
- Senegal (January 21, 2026)
- Tajikistan (January 21, 2026)
- Tanzania (October 23, 2025)
- Togo (January 21, 2026)
- Tonga (January 21, 2026)
- Turkmenistan (January 1, 2026)
- Tuvalu (January 21, 2026)
- Uganda (January 21, 2026)
- Vanuatu (January 21, 2026)
- Venezuela (January 21, 2026)
- Zambia (August 20, 2025)
- Zimbabwe (January 21, 2026)

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Visa Bond requirements are outlined in INA Section 221(g)(3) and the [Temporary Final Rule \(TFR\)](#) establishing the pilot program. Visa overstay rates are based on the B1/B2 overstay rates per the Department of Homeland Security's [Entry/Exit Overstay Report](#).

Any citizen or national traveling on a passport issued by one of these countries, who is found otherwise eligible for a B1/B2 visa, must post a bond for \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$15,000.

The amount is determined at the time of the visa interview. The applicant must also submit a Department of Homeland Security Form I-352. Applicants must agree to the terms of the bond through the Department of the Treasury's online payment platform Pay.gov. This requirement applies **regardless of place of application.**

Applicants should submit Form I-352 to post a bond only after a consular officer directs them to do so. Applicants will receive a direct link to pay through Pay.gov. They must not use any third-party website for posting the bond. The U.S. Government is not responsible for any money paid outside of its systems.

A bond does not guarantee visa issuance. If someone pays fees without a consular officer's direction, the fees will not be returned.

Required ports of entry

As a condition of the bond, all visa holders who have posted a visa bond must enter and exit the United States through the designated ports of entry listed below. Not doing this might lead to a denied entry or a departure that is not properly recorded. The earliest date a visa holder who posted a visa bond may enter or exit at each port of entry is in parentheses. Additional designated ports of entry are added on a rolling basis:

- Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) (August 20, 2025)
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) (August 20, 2025)
- Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) (August 20, 2025)
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) (January 1, 2026)
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

(January 1, 2026)

- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) (January 1, 2026)
- Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) (January 1, 2026)
- Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) (January 1, 2026)
- Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL) (January 1, 2026)

Visa bond compliance

Visa Bond terms are set on the bond form (Department of Homeland Security's Form I-352 Immigration Bonds) and on Travel.State.Gov. The bond will be canceled and the money returned automatically in these situations:

- The Department of Homeland Security records the visa holder's departure from the United States on or before the date to which they are authorized to stay in the United States, or
- The visa holder does not travel to the United States before the expiration of the visa, or
- The visa holder applies for and is denied admission at the U.S. port of entry.

Visa bond breach

The Department of Homeland Security will send cases where the visa holder may have broken the visa bond terms to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This is to determine if there was a breach. It includes, but is not limited to, these situations:

- The Department of Homeland Security records indicate that the visa holder departed from the United States after the date to which he or she is authorized to stay in the United States.
- The visa holder stays in the United States after the date to which he or she is authorized to do so and does not leave.
- The visa holder applies to adjust out of nonimmigrant status, including claiming asylum.