



Visa Revocation for South Sudanese Passport Holders

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, the State Department [announced](#) that effective immediately they will begin revoking previously issued visas and stop issuing new visas for South Sudanese passport holders. This announcement serves to prevent the entry into the United States of South Sudanese passport holders seeking to enter the country using a U.S. visa.

Does this mean all South Sudanese passport holders need to leave the US immediately?

No. We expect that impacted South Sudanese individuals will receive a notice from the State Department, either by mail or email, informing them of the revocation of their visa. Please monitor your mail and email for these notices.

If I receive a visa revocation notice from the State Department, does that mean I need to leave the US immediately?

Not necessarily. A visa revocation does not automatically revoke your immigration status in the US. A visa is a permit granted by the State Department for a non-citizen to travel to the US and present themselves for inspection at a US port of entry. Your immigration status, on the other hand, is granted and controlled by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) after inspection and admission into the US by an immigration officer.

I entered the US with a nonimmigrant visa such as visitor visa (B1/B2), student visa (F or M visa) or J visa and I currently hold nonimmigrant status, how does this affect me?

If you are a nonimmigrant visa holder, a visa revocation will likely be followed by a revocation or termination of your underlying nonimmigrant status by DHS. It is important to consult with an immigration attorney to explore other options that might be available to you.

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I entered the US with a nonimmigrant visa such as visitor visa (B1/B2), student visa (F or M visa) or J visa and I am currently applying for asylum or green card (adjustment of status), how does this affect me?

The revocation of your nonimmigrant visa could lead to the revocation of your underlying nonimmigrant status. However, the visa revocation will not affect your pending asylum or green card (adjustment of status) application.

I entered the US as a refugee from South Sudan and I currently hold refugee status, how does this affect me?

This announcement does not impact refugees.

I was granted asylum status from South Sudan by the USCIS asylum office or the Immigration Court, how does this affect me?

This announcement does not impact asylees.

I am a Green Card holder, how does this affect me? Can I travel outside the US with my South Sudan passport and reenter the US using my Green Card?

This does not impact Green Card holders. However, we are asking all South Sudanese passport holders in the US to exercise caution when considering international travel. It is critical to discuss your international travel plans with an immigration attorney.

I am a TPS holder from South Sudan, how does this affect me?

This announcement does not impact TPS holders.

I am a DACA recipient from South Sudan, how does this affect me?

This announcement does not impact DACA recipients.

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I am a South Sudanese passport holder but never had a US visa, how does this affect me?

This announcement does not impact South Sudanese passport holders who never had a US visa.

I am a South Sudanese passport holder and currently hold a travel document such as an advance parole document, refugee travel document, travel authorization document, or reentry permit. Can I travel outside the US and use any of these documents to reenter the US?

While these documents are permission to reenter the US granted and controlled by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and, in theory, cannot be undone by the State Department, we are asking all South Sudanese passport holders in the US to exercise caution when considering international travel. It is critical to consult and discuss your international travel plans with an immigration attorney.

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