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June 2025 Visa Bulletin

The U.S. Department of State [June 2025 Visa Bulletin](#) shows EB-2 advancement for Worldwide, China, Mexico & the Philippines, but holds steady for India. EB-3 holds steady for India but advances for Worldwide, China, Mexico & the Philippines. No advance for EB-1 China or India

Student Visa Revocations

Secretary of State Rubio [announced](#) that the Departments of State and Homeland Security will collaborate to revoke visas for Chinese students, particularly those "with connections to the Chinese Communist Party or studying in critical fields." Additionally, the State Department will revise visa criteria to increase scrutiny of all future visa applications from China and Hong Kong.

Welcome to the June 2025 issue of our monthly newsletter, *The Immigration Sentinel*. As we monitor immigration benefits and compliance developments, we hope that this medium will be a valuable resource in helping you stay informed and prepared for potential changes that may impact you corporately and individually.

CHNV Ends

The U.S. Supreme Court [issued](#) a decision allowing the Trump Administration to proceed with dismantling the Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela ("CHNV") parole program. No guidance is yet forthcoming on what action employers of CHNV parolees should be taking from a worksite compliance perspective.



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STUDENT VISA APPOINTMENT PAUSE

Politico reported that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DOS) has temporarily suspended visa appointments for foreign students as it prepares to expand social media screening of applicants. This move is part of the Trump Administration's broader effort to scrutinize international students over their political views, raising concerns about free speech and potentially reducing the number of foreign students coming to the United States. In related news, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem ordered the termination of Harvard University's Student and Exchange Visitor Program certification, which would bar the school from enrolling foreign students. A federal judge has temporarily blocked this termination.

VISA RESTRICTIONS FOR CENSORSHIP OF PROTECTED SPEECH

Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced a new visa restriction policy targeting foreign nationals involved in censoring protected speech in the United States. The policy condemns foreign officials who issue or threaten arrest warrants against U.S. citizens or residents for social media posts made within the United States or who impose censorship on U.S. tech platforms to enforce global content standards.

VENEZUELA TPS ENDING

The U.S. Supreme Court, in Noem, et al. v. National TPS Alliance, et al., granted a stay of an order issued by a U.S. District Court stopping the administration from cancelling TPS for Venezuelan nationals, pending disposition of the appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This Supreme Court order allows the Trump Administration to end Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") for Venezuelans.

DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY RESULTS

On May 3, 2025, DHS officially released the results of the Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery for fiscal year 2026. Entrants can now check their selection status exclusively through the official Entrant Status Check portal at dvprogram.state.gov

AFGHANISTAN TPS ENDING

DHS announced the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Afghanistan. The TPS designation for the country expires on 5/20/25, and the termination will be effective on 7/14/25.

REAL ID COMPLIANCE AT TSA CHECKPOINTS

DHS implemented REAL ID enforcement measures at TSA checkpoints nationwide. The agency states that 81 percent of travelers are currently REAL ID compliant. TSA will use additional screening measures for passengers traveling without a REAL ID.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM RESCINDED FOR ROMANIA

DHS rescinded Romania's designation in the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), effective immediately, citing the need to protect the program's integrity and ensure border and immigration security. DHS noted that Romania may be reconsidered for VWP participation in the future if it meets the required statutory criteria.

TPS EXTENDED FOR SOUTH SUDAN

DHS announced a six-month extension of Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) for South Sudan, from May 4 to November 3, 2025, and automatic extension of certain Employment Authorization Documents (“EAD”) with category codes A12 or C19 through November 3, 2025. The extension was issued because DHS was unable to make a timely decision on South Sudan’s designation. The DHS notice encourages beneficiaries to prepare for their possible return in the event no further extension is granted and they have no other legal status.

STIPEND FOR SELF-DEPORTING

DHS announced that undocumented immigrants can use the CBP One app to apply for financial and travel assistance to return to their home country, including a \$1,000 stipend paid after their return is confirmed through the app. It is advised to first consult with an immigration attorney to obtain good legal advice before taking any action.

Please contact us at CoryImmigrationTeam@FisherBroyles.com or 1.833.4FB.VISA with questions. We stand ready to support!