

# National Interest Exceptions for Adoption Visas

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Presidential Proclamation 10998 on "[Restricting and Limiting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the Security of the United States](#)," took effect on January 1, 2026, fully or partially suspending entry for and visa issuance to nationals of 39 countries, and individuals applying using travel documents issued or endorsed by the Palestinian Authority.

Effective January 21, 2026, the Department of State [paused visa issuances to immigrant visa applicants who are nationals of 75 countries](#).

President Trump and his Administration support families and intercountry adoption.

In countries where the issuance of immigrant visas is currently limited or paused, children being adopted by Americans can qualify for an exception under the National Interest Exception.

These American families should continue the normal adoption process. They should submit visa applications and attend consular interviews. They do not need to take other additional steps to be considered for a case-by-case exception under the National Interest Exception.

For additional details, visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) [here](#).