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Pursuant to the Executive Order on Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals signed on January 27, 2017, the Department of State has temporarily stopped scheduling appointments and halted processing of immigrant visa applications for individuals who are nationals or dual nationals of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

The National Visa Center has cancelled all scheduled immigrant visa interviews for these applicants scheduled in February 2017. This includes all visa categories, whether they are family- or employment-based. Applicants for fiancé visas ("K" visas) are included. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes. Once it is appropriate, the National Visa Center or a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad will notify you of a new interview date and time.

If you received an interview appointment in February and have not yet attended the required medical exam, please cancel your medical examination appointment. Medical exam results are only valid for six (6) months and we cannot predict when your visa interview will be rescheduled. When the National Visa Center or U.S. Embassy is able to reschedule your interview, they will contact you.

The National Visa Center will continue to work on in-process cases for these applicants up to the point of the interview. You should continue to pay fees, complete your Form DS-260 immigrant visa application, and submit your financial and civil supporting documents to NVC. NVC will review your case file and can qualify your case for an appointment. However, you will not receive a visa interview until further notice.

Please review the below Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

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What if I have a visa interview scheduled in February?

Your interview has been cancelled. You do not need to take any action at this time. The National Visa Center will contact you with a new appointment date at the appropriate time. However, we cannot predict when that will be. Please do not call NVC to ask about an appointment; they have no information on the possible timing of future interviews.

I have an emergency. Can I request an expedited appointment?

No. The Department of State may not conduct immigrant visa interviews for any persons who are nationals of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen at this time.

Will my case move to the back of the line for a rescheduled appointment?

No. The National Visa Center schedules appointments in the order by which they became documentarily qualified. When NVC is able to reschedule your visa interview, you will receive an appointment before cases that completed their paperwork and processing after yours.

I have a visa interview in February and I already paid for my medical exam. Can I get a refund?

That is up to the physician and/or clinic that conducted your examination. Medical exam results are valid for U.S. immigration purposes for six (6) months. If your interview is rescheduled and you enter the United States as an immigrant before your medical exam results expire, you will not need another medical exam.

What visa categories does this affect?

This affects all immigrant visa categories, including immediate relatives; family-based and employment-based preference categories; follow-to-join family members of refugees and asylees (Form I-730); fiancé visas (Form I-129F); and international adoptees (Form I-600A).

I am currently working on my case with NVC. Can I continue?

Yes. You should continue to pay fees, complete your Form DS-260 immigrant visa application, and submit your financial and civil supporting documents to NVC. NVC will continue reviewing your case file and can qualify your case for an appointment. However, you will not receive a visa interview until further notice.

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