

The Muslim & African Bans: What's Next?

The State Department issued a statement providing some information on next steps for those impacted by the Muslim and African bans.

While the statement does not provide much detail, here's what we know:

- If your application was previously denied under the bans, **any future visa applications will not be affected** by that previous denial.
- If you applied for an immigrant visa and received a final refusal on or after January 20, 2020 due to the bans, **you may be reconsidered without the need to resubmit your application** or to pay any additional fees if your visa petition remains accurate. But it is not yet clear what steps such applicants should take. We will update as we learn more.
- If your immigrant visa application was denied before January 20, 2020, you **may also be reconsidered, but you must submit a new application and fee.**
- For fiscal year 2017 to 2020 Diversity Visa applicants, the State Department notes that because the deadlines for visa issuance for previous years have now expired, **Diversity Visa applicants affected by the bans will not be issued visas.**

We will issue further updates as we learn more.

In the meantime, send a letter to members of Congress urging them to pass the NO BAN Act and ensure that no future Muslim and African bans happen again:
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