

Chart to Determine When a National Interest Exception to Presidential Proclamations 9984, 9993, 9996, 10041 and 10052 May Be Applicable.  
Based on information available on September 12, 2020

If your status is...	If you are located in...	Eligible for National Interest Exemption?	Proclamation	Citation	Government Guidance Source	Government Guidance	Steps to Take
F-1	Brazil	Unlikely	10041	(ix) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.	NA	No guidance has been provided	
F-1	China	Unlikely	9984	(ix) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.	NA	No guidance has been provided	
F-1	European Schengen Countries Ireland United Kingdom	Yes	9993; 9996	(ix) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/national-interest-exceptions-from-certain-travelers-from-the-schengen-area-uk-and-ireland.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/national-interest-exceptions-from-certain-travelers-from-the-schengen-area-uk-and-ireland.html</a>	Students traveling from the Schengen Area, the UK, and Ireland with valid F-1 and M-1 visas do not need to contact an embassy or consulate to seek an individual national interest exception to travel. Students seeking to apply for new F-1 or M-1 visas should check the status of visa services at the nearest embassy or consulate; those applicants who are found to be otherwise qualified for an F-1 or M-1 visa will automatically be considered for a national interest exception to travel.	NIE is automatically applied to valid visas. F-1 visas will be issued under NIE without any additional documentation.
F-1	All other countries	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
H-1B	Brazil	Maybe	10041; 10052	(ix) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.  (iv) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees.	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/exceptions-to-p-p-10014-10052-suspending-entry-of-immigrants-non-immigrants-presenting-risk-to-us-labor-market-during-economic-recovery.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/exceptions-to-p-p-10014-10052-suspending-entry-of-immigrants-non-immigrants-presenting-risk-to-us-labor-market-during-economic-recovery.html</a>	<b>Health research</b> • COVID-19 • Public health benefit (e.g. cancer or communicable disease research) • Public health or healthcare area adversely impacted by COVID-19 <b>U.S. government</b> • U.S. foreign policy objectives • Treaty or contractual obligations • Projects essential to a U.S. government agency <b>Employment</b> • Resume ongoing employment • U.S. economic recovery (2 of 5 indicators needed)  Applicants who are subject to any of these Proclamations (10041 & 10052), but who believe they may qualify for a national interest exception or other exception, should follow the instructions on the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate's website regarding procedures necessary to request an emergency appointment and should provide specific details as to why they believe they may qualify for an exception.	Supervisor may issue letter of support to establish eligibility for a national interest exception.
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