

A visa does not permit entry to the United States. A visa simply indicates that your application has been reviewed by a U.S. consular officer, and that the officer has determined you are eligible to enter the country for a specific purpose. A visa allows you to travel to the United States as far as the port of entry (airport or land border crossing), where the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer has the authority to permit you to enter the United States.

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## TRAVELERS VISITING THE UNITED STATES

**T**his timeline represents important deadlines for passports required by the United States, for countries participating in the Visa Waiver Program.\* Some countries are at the beginning of this process while others have already met all of the requirements. Please check with the passport issuing agency in your country if you have specific questions. For all other countries, travelers are required to obtain a visa for entry to the United States.

