

Public Charge Update

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Visas: Ineligibility Based on Public Charge Grounds

On October 11, 2019, the Department published [an interim final rule](#) that amends 22 CFR 40.41, Ineligibility Based on Public Charge Grounds, including the addition of certain definitions, for public charge, public benefit, alien's household, and receipt of public benefit.

Although the effective date of the interim final rule is October 15, 2019, the Department will not implement the rule until the use of a new form for information collection is approved by the Office of Management and Budget. On October 24, 2019, the Department published a 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection for its Public Charge Questionnaire, which is a necessary step to have the new information collection approved.

Visa applicants are not requested to take any additional steps at this time and should attend their visa interviews as scheduled. We will inform applicants of any changes to current visa application procedures.