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Designation of Qatar into the Visa Waiver Program

- On September 24, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security announced the designation of Qatar into the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).
- On November 21, 2024, the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) was updated to allow citizens and nationals of Qatar to apply to travel to the United States for tourism or business purposes for up to 90 days without first obtaining a U.S. visa.
- Citizens of Qatar with valid B1/B2 visas can continue to use their visas for travel to the United States until expiration.
- Qatari citizens traveling under VWP require a round-trip or onward ticket departing the United States.
- Under the Visa Waiver Program, eligible Qatari citizens must have a biometrically enabled passport book.
- Qatar is the 42nd member country of the VWP.
- Additional information on the VWP can be found at www.dhs.gov/visa-waiver-program.

If you have a question on boarding a traveler, it should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG), Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Officer or Joint Security Program (JSP) Officer.