



Visa Bond Pilot Program (VBPP) Update

U.S. Department of State is updating the Visa Bond Pilot Program (VBPP), effective April 2, 2026, adding 12 new countries and bringing the total to 50.

Under this program, affected travelers will receive a single-entry visa valid for 3 months, allowing a stay of up to 30 days, and they may enter through all commercial ports of entry, including CBP preclearance locations, which were not previously included.

The new countries included are: Cambodia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Grenada, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Seychelles, Tunisia

Applicants must post a visa bond through Pay.gov in the amount of \$5,000, \$10,000 (standard), or \$15,000, depending on their circumstances.

The bond will be refunded if the traveler complies with all visa terms, such as departing on time, not working without authorization, properly maintaining or changing status, or if the visa is denied or unused. However, the bond will be forfeited if the traveler violates their status, overstays, fails to comply with visa conditions, or does not depart after a denied status change. Bond terms are outlined in ICE Form I-352, and applicants may also request manual cancellation with proof of compliance.

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