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Designation of Israel into the Visa Waiver Program

- On September 26, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security announced the designation of Israel into the Visa Waiver Program (VWP).
- On October 19, 2023, the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) was updated to allow citizens and nationals of Israel 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 Israel with valid B1/B2 visas can continue to use their visas for travel to the United States until expiration.
- Israeli citizens traveling under VWP require a round-trip or onward ticket departing the United States.
- Under the Visa Waiver Program, eligible Israeli citizens must have a biometrically enabled passport book.
- Israel is the 41st 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.

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