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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

*Date:* November 14, 2024.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format:* Video Assisted Meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2024–0783]

#### Area Maritime Security Advisory Committee for Gulf of Mexico

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard requests individuals interested in serving on the Gulf of Mexico Area Maritime Security Advisory Committee (AMSC) Executive Steering Committee submit their applications for membership to the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC), Eighth Coast Guard District.

**DATES:** Requests for membership should reach the Eighth Coast Guard District by November 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for membership should be submitted to the FMSC at the following address: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, Attn: Mr. Nick Alphonso, Gulf of Mexico AMSC Executive Secretary, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras St., Suite 1341, New Orleans, LA 70130. Applications can also be emailed to: [Nicholas.J.Alphonso2@uscg.mil](mailto:Nicholas.J.Alphonso2@uscg.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about applying or about the AMSC Executive Steering Committee in general, contact Mr. Nick Alphonso, Gulf of Mexico AMSC Executive Secretary, Phone: (504) 671–2267, [Nicholas.J.Alphonso@uscg.mil](mailto:Nicholas.J.Alphonso@uscg.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Authority

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorized the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees for any port area of the United States. (See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C. 70112; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1(II)(71), Revision No. 01.4). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMSCs from the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 117–286, 5

U.S.C., ch. 10). The AMSCs assist the FMSC in the development, review, updating, and exercising of the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to: identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; Developing strategies to facilitate the recovery of the Maritime Transportation System after a Transportation Security Incident; developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and providing advice to, and assisting the FMSC in developing and maintaining the AMSP.

##### II. AMSC Composition

The composition of an AMSC Executive Steering Committee is prescribed under 33 CFR 103.305. Pursuant to that regulation, members may be selected from the Federal, Territorial, or Tribal government; the State government and political subdivisions of the State; local public safety, crisis management, and emergency response agencies; law enforcement and security organizations; maritime industry, including labor; other port stakeholders having a special competence in maritime security; and port stakeholders affected by security practices and policies. Members of the AMSC should have at least five years of experience related to maritime or port security operations.

##### III. AMSC Membership

The Gulf of Mexico AMSC Executive Steering Committee currently has 6 members. We are seeking to add 10 to 15 members with this solicitation. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee. Members' terms of office will be for five years; however, a member is eligible to serve additional terms of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on the AMSC.

##### IV. Request for Applications

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local FMSC; However, because the Gulf of Mexico AMSC Executive Steering Committee does have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security

experience, the submission of resumes highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries is encouraged.

The Coast Guard does not discriminate in selection of Area Maritime Security Advisory Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. The Coast Guard strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment actions.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator Gulf of Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[Docket No. ICEB-2024-0009]

RIN 1653-ZA53

#### Employment Authorization for Certain Lebanese F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for certain Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. The Secretary is providing relief to these students who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status, so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant status.

**DATES:** This action covers eligible Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students beginning on July 26, 2024, and ending on January 25, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, MS 5600, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE), 500 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20536-5600; email: [sevp@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:sevp@ice.dhs.gov), telephone: (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary is exercising the authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to temporarily suspend the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Lebanon regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Lebanon), who were present in the United States in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant student status on July 26, 2024, and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. Effective with this publication, suspension of the employment limitations is available through January 25, 2026, for those who were in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status on July 26, 2024. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization through this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the student satisfies the minimum course load set forth in this notice.<sup>1</sup> See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

##### Who is covered by this notice?

This notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- (1) Are a citizen of Lebanon regardless of country of birth (or an individual having no nationality who last habitually resided in Lebanon);
- (2) Were lawfully present in the United States on July 26, 2024, in F-1 nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i);
- (3) Are enrolled in an academic institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for

<sup>1</sup> Because the suspension of requirements under this notice applies throughout an academic term during which the suspension is in effect, DHS considers an F-1 nonimmigrant student who engages in a reduced course load or employment (or both) after this notice is effective to be engaging in a “full course of study,” see 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6), and eligible for employment authorization, through the end of any academic term for which such student is matriculated as of January 25, 2026, provided the student satisfies the minimum course load requirements in this notice.

enrollment for F-1 nonimmigrant students;

(4) Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and

(5) Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.

This notice applies to F-1 nonimmigrant students in an approved private school in kindergarten through grade 12, public school grades 9 through 12, and undergraduate and graduate education. An F-1 nonimmigrant student covered by this notice who transfers to another SEVP-certified academic institution remains eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

##### Why is DHS taking this action?

DHS is taking action to provide relief to certain Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students experiencing severe economic hardship due to emergent circumstances presented by the current humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(v), (9)(i), and (9)(ii). Humanitarian conditions in southern Lebanon have significantly deteriorated due to recent escalating tensions between Hezbollah and Israel. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported that 90,350 people had become newly displaced since September 19, 2024, following the latest military escalation.<sup>2</sup> By September 30, 2024, IOM had tracked the number of displaced individuals to 346,209.<sup>3</sup> UNHCR reports that it has been approached by over 8,500 refugees who have fled their homes and displaced internally in Lebanon during the week prior to October 1, 2024, with the most urgent needs being access to safe shelters, core relief items, healthcare, food, cash assistance, and protection services.<sup>4</sup> Citing to the deterioration of humanitarian conditions, on July 26, 2024, President Joseph Biden issued a memorandum, directing the Secretary to defer for 18 months the removal of certain Lebanese nationals present in the United States by implementing

<sup>2</sup> “Over 90,000 People Displaced by Latest Military Escalation in Lebanon—IOM Scales Up Its Response,” International Organization for Migration (IOM), Sept. 25, 2024, available at <https://www.iom.int/news/over-90000-people-displaced-latest-military-escalation-lebanon-iom-scales-its-response> (last visited Oct. 4, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Lebanon—Mobility Snapshot—Round 49—30-09-2024, IOM, Sept. 30, 2024, available at <https://dtm.iom.int/reports/lebanon-mobility-snapshot-round-49-30-09-2024?close=true> (last visited Oct. 4, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> “Lebanon Emergency: Flash Update 1 October 2024,” UNHCR, Oct. 1, 2024, available at <https://reporting.unhcr.org/lebanon-emergency-flash-update-2> (last visited Oct. 4, 2024).