

Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, MSC 7846,  
Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1246,  
[edwardss@csr.nih.gov](mailto:edwardss@csr.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine;  
93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333,  
93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844,  
93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National  
Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 2, 2021.

**Tyeshia M. Roberson-Curtis,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory  
Committee Policy.*

[FR Doc. 2021-14617 Filed 7-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4140-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### **Proposed Collection; 30-Day Comment Request: Generic Clearance To Collect Stakeholder Feedback on the Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, (NIMH)**

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health,  
HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the  
National Institutes of Health (NIH) has  
submitted to the Office of Management  
and Budget (OMB) a request for review  
and approval of the information  
collection listed below.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this  
information collection are best assured  
of having their full effect if received  
within 30 days of the date of this  
publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be sent  
within 30 days of publication of this  
notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular  
information collection by selecting  
“Currently under 30-day Review—Open  
for Public Comments” or by using the  
search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request more information on the  
proposed project or to obtain a copy of  
the data collection plans and  
instruments, contact: Andrew Hooper,  
NIMH Project Clearance Liaison,  
Science Policy and Evaluation Branch,  
Office of Science Policy, Planning and  
Communications, NIMH, Neuroscience  
Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, MSC  
9667, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, call  
(301) 480-8433, or email your request,  
including your mailing address, to  
[nimhprapubliccomments@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nimhprapubliccomments@mail.nih.gov).  
Formal requests for additional plans and  
instruments must be requested in  
writing.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This  
proposed information collection was  
previously published in the **Federal  
Register** on May 5, 2021, pages 23974–  
23975 (Vol. 86, No. 85) and allowed 60  
days for public comment. No public  
comments were received. The purpose  
of this notice is to allow an additional  
30 days for public comment. The  
National Institute of Mental Health  
(NIMH), National Institutes of Health,  
may not conduct or sponsor, and the  
respondent is not required to respond  
to, an information collection that has  
been extended, revised, or implemented  
on or after October 1, 1995, unless it  
displays a currently valid OMB control  
number.

In compliance with Section  
3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995, the National  
Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted  
to the Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) a request for review and  
approval of the information collection  
listed below.

*Proposed Collection Title:* Generic  
Clearance to Collect Stakeholder  
Feedback on the Research Domain  
Criteria (RDoC) Initiative, 0925-0756,  
EXTENSION, exp., date 07/31/2021,  
National Institute of Mental Health  
(NIMH), National Institutes of Health  
(NIH).

*Need and Use of Information  
Collection:* This request serves as notice  
that the National Institute of Mental  
Health (NIMH) plans to collect  
stakeholder feedback to assess the  
strengths and weaknesses of the  
Research Domain Criteria (RDoC)  
initiative. NIMH launched RDoC in  
2009 to implement Strategy 1.4 of the  
2008 NIMH Strategic Plan: “Develop  
new ways of classifying disorders based  
on dimensions of observable behaviors  
and brain functions.” Rather than  
beginning with a syndrome and then  
working “down” to clarify mechanisms,  
the aim of RDoC is to guide research  
that begins with disruptions in  
neurobiological and behavioral  
mechanisms, and then works across  
systems to clarify connections among  
such disruptions and clinical  
symptoms. NIMH has developed social  
media platforms and tools for the RDoC  
initiative, including a dedicated RDoC  
twitter account ([https://twitter.com/nimh\\_rdoc](https://twitter.com/nimh_rdoc)), the RDoC website, which  
also houses the RDoC matrix ([https://  
www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/  
rdoc/index.shtml](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/rdoc/index.shtml)), and several  
educational and training resources  
(including webinars) to educate the field  
and interface with scientists who may  
have questions about RDoC ([https://  
www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/  
rdoc/rdoc-educational-and-training-  
resources.shtml](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/rdoc/rdoc-educational-and-training-resources.shtml)). The evaluation  
approach will be conducted using  
surveys centered around current content  
(i.e., website, twitter, and webinars), as  
well as open ended surveys that will  
cover the scientific content of RDoC.  
The information collected will be used  
by NIMH staff to determine success of  
the RDoC initiative, develop future  
directions and endeavors, and to help  
guide programmatic priorities for RDoC  
and the Institute.

OMB approval is requested for 3  
years. There are no costs to respondents  
other than their time. The total  
estimated annualized burden hours are  
490.

### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Instrument type	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden hours
Workshops .....	50	1	8	400
Interviews .....	10	1	30/60	5
Surveys .....	100	1	30/60	50
Focus Groups .....	10	1	1	10
Assessment Forms .....	100	1	15/60	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>490</b>

Dated: July 6, 2021.

**Andrew A. Hooper,**

*Project Clearance Liaison, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health.*

[FR Doc. 2021-14630 Filed 7-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4140-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. ICEB-2021-0007]

RIN 1653-ZA19

### Employment Authorization for Yemeni F-1 Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Yemen

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Yemen (regardless of country of birth) and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen.

The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to Yemeni citizens who are lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students 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 F-1 nonimmigrant student status. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a "full course of study" for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.

**DATES:** This notice will be effective on September 4, 2021 and will remain in effect through March 3, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW, Stop 5600, 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 is available at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

The Secretary is exercising 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 Yemen who are present in the United States in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant student status as of September 4, 2021, and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen. Suspension of the employment limitations will be available from September 4, 2021 until March 3, 2023, for those who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status as of September 4, 2021. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a "full course of study" for the duration of the employment authorization, if the F-1 nonimmigrant 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 citizens of Yemen (regardless of country of birth);
- (2) Are lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on September 4, 2021, 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 enrollment of 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 crisis in Yemen.

This notice applies to F-1 nonimmigrant students in an approved

private school in grades kindergarten through grade 12, public school in 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 initially designated Yemen for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) on September 3, 2015, based on ongoing armed conflict in the country resulting from the July 2014 offensive by the Houthis, a northern opposition group that initiated a violent, territorial expansion across the country, eventually forcing the Yemeni government leaders into exile in Saudi Arabia.<sup>2</sup>

As a result of the ongoing armed conflict and continuous crisis in Yemen, the Secretary has redesignated and extended TPS for Yemen for 18 months, effective September 4, 2021. Consistent with USCIS designation for TPS for Yemen, this notice provides relief to Yemeni F-1 nonimmigrant students experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the crisis in Yemen. DHS has reviewed conditions in Yemen and determined that making employment authorization available for eligible nonimmigrant students is warranted. This notice will enable Yemeni F-1 nonimmigrant students to request employment authorization, carry a reduced course load, and increase the number of authorized hours for employment.

The civil war in Yemen has entered its eighth year, killing an estimated 233,000 individuals.<sup>3</sup> The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has recorded 69,160 Yemeni refugees and asylum-seekers in neighboring countries.<sup>4</sup> Over 4 million people have been internally displaced within Yemen, and 166,000 of those

<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 engaged 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 March 3, 2023, provided the student satisfies the minimum course load requirement in this notice. DHS also considers students who engage in online coursework pursuant to ICE coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) guidance for nonimmigrant students to be in compliance with regulations while such guidance remains in effect. See ICE Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19, available at <https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus> [last visited May 2021].

<sup>2</sup> USCIS *DHS Announces Temporary Protected Status Designation for Yemen*, available at: <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/dhs-announces-temporary-protected-status-designation-for-yemen> [last visited May 2021].

<sup>3</sup> United Nations News *UN humanitarian office puts Yemen war dead at 233,000, mostly from 'indirect causes'* available at <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1078972#:~:text=UN%20Podcasts-,UN%20humanitarian%20office%20puts%20Yemen%20war%20dead,%2C%20mostly%20from%20indirect%20causes%20text=Millions%20of%20children%20across%20Yemen,lack%20of%20basic%20health%20services> [last visited May 2021].

<sup>4</sup> United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) *Refugee Data Finder 2015-2020* available at <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/download/?url=Gb4fe1> [last visited May 2021].