



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS CONTINUES TO MONITOR  
STUDENT VISA APPLICATION PAUSE BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs wishes to inform the public, particularly prospective students, regarding a temporary operational pause in new applications for U.S. student visas (F-1, M-1 and J-1) for Trinidad and Tobago nationals.

The Ministry has been in direct communication with its U.S. counterparts locally, who have confirmed that this situation constitutes a short operational pause and does not signify a change in U.S. student visa policy towards Trinidad and Tobago.

It is important to note that U.S. student visa appointment dates are typically generated approximately one month in advance. Therefore, all students who have already secured and received confirmation for their visa interview appointments will have their appointments honoured as scheduled. The current pause specifically pertains to the submission of new student visa applications.

The Ministry understands the concerns and anxiety that this may raise among students and their families. We remain hopeful and anticipate a swift resolution, with a return to normal processing of new student visa applications once the ongoing internal review by the U.S. authorities is complete.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs will continue to monitor this situation closely and will issue further updates as new information becomes available. We advise all individuals to stay informed through official channels.

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