

Iran Travel

What you need to know before you go



Why are you traveling to Iran?

The U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC) still maintains a comprehensive embargo on activities with persons/organizations in Iran.

- **Travel to Iran is allowed. However, activities and exports to Iran have a high likelihood of requiring a license, including presenting a talk at a conference in Iran.**
- **There is a high probability that you will need an export license if you intend to participate in a conference or educational activities.**
- Many activities in Iran may require an export license before they can be conducted. It may take up to a year to get a response on these licenses. Please contact the Export Control Office as early possible to allow us to maximize the opportunity to get your license prior to the scheduled date of your activity.
- All services performed in Iran also require a license. These services can include activities such as **presenting a talk at a conference**, installation of equipment, troubleshooting instrumentation failures, and conducting surveys and interviews.

**Export licenses may take up to a year to get for Iran.
Plan accordingly.**

Other considerations:

- Most items taken to Iran require an export license, including items carried in your luggage.
 - Personal items are exempt from this as are certain humanitarian and medical supplies.
 - You may not take items to gift or sell.
- Any licenses needed for activities planned in Iran or items that you will take with you must be obtained **before** you depart for Iran.
- **You may not consult with colleagues in the U.S. while in Iran on any issues. To do so would be an export of services to Iran on their part and constitute a violation of federal law.**
- Recruiting students at a job fair in Iran requires a license.
- The regulations provide an exemption that may be used to take a laptop to Iran; however, the laptop must be under effective control of the traveler at all times and software must be protected from unauthorized access.
- Failure to follow any of these rules can result in fines for both you and the university.

Please contact the Export Control Office with any questions you may have.

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