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On April 13, 2011, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced temporary immigration relief measures for foreign nationals affected by their home country conditions, such as civil unrest or a severe environmental disaster. For examples, home country conditions of the foreign national may impede his/her ability to return home as originally planned, or may create temporary financial difficulties for the foreign nationals and his/her families; extreme situations beyond your control also may affect your ability to maintain lawful immigration status while in the United States.

The available temporary immigration relief measures you may apply include:

1. A change or extension of nonimmigrant status for an individual currently in the United States;
2. Expedited adjudication and approval, where possible, of requests for off-campus employment authorization for F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship;
3. Expedited processing of immigrant petitions for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and relatives of lawful permanent residents whose priority dates are current;
4. Expedited employment authorization, where appropriate;
5. Visitors traveling under the Visa Waiver Program may contact a USCIS local office for assistance at [https://egov.uscis.gov/crisgwi/go?action=offices.type&OfficeLocator.office\\_type=LO](https://egov.uscis.gov/crisgwi/go?action=offices.type&OfficeLocator.office_type=LO) ; and
6. Where applicable, humanitarian parole may be available.

Currently, the regions or countries that are affected by civil unrest or natural disaster include, but are limited to, the Middle East region, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, Bahrain, Syria, Libya, and Japan.

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