

List of African nations to be affected by Donald Trump's new visa policy

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President Donald Trump has introduced a new visa policy to address the high rates of non-immigrant overstay in the United States

The new policy which is currently under a pilot/testing phase focuses on tourist and business visas. It requires applicants for the visas from some listed countries to pay a bond which will be up to \$15,000 in addition to visa fees which currently range from \$160 to \$300.

List of African nations to be affected by Donald Trump's new visa policy. Using the current official exchange rate of N379/1\$ by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), \$15,000 is N5,685,000 (N5.6 million). The policy which will be effective from December 2020 to June 2021 will affect 23 countries.

In this piece provides a list of African nations among the affected 23 countries, as highlighted by BBC Pidgin.

Angola Burkina

Faso Burundi

Cape Verde

Chad

Democratic Republic of Congo

Djibouti

Eritrea

Gambia

Guinea

Bissau

Liberia

Libya

Mauritania

Papua New Guinea

Sao Tome

Sudan

Nigeria not included

Meanwhile, the United States government has explained that Nigeria is exempted from the new visa policy. In a statement on Tuesday, November 24, the US consulate in Nigeria said it can confirm that Nigeria is not currently affected by the policy. The consulate said: "Nigeria is not included in this six months pilot program."

In other news, Legit.ng previously reported that Fareed Zakaria, a top American journalist with CNN, analysed why the decision of the US government to impose immigrant visa restriction on Nigeria "does not make sense." The US government had justified the restriction on the basis of national security concerns, claiming that the affected countries have gaps in their security protocols surrounding travel which exposed the US to terror threats. US visa: Nigeria excluded as Trump's new policy requires some Africans to pay over N5m in bonds The American journalist, however, said the "argument does not really make sense", citing data from CATO institute.