

# Cuba Sanctions Program – Travel Update

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# QUICK REVIEW

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## EXPORT CONTROLS

The **federal laws and regulations** that have been established by the U.S. government to control:

- The export of sensitive equipment, software, and technology
- Trade and financial transactions

These controls are in place to promote national security interests and foreign policy objectives.

# REGULATING AGENCIES

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# OFAC

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## U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

- Sanctions Programs and Country Information  
<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>
- Cuba Sanctions  
<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/pages/cuba.aspx>

# CURRENTLY . . .

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## 12 CATEGORIES OF AUTHORIZED TRAVEL

1. Family visits;
2. Official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations;
3. Journalistic activity;
4. **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS;**
5. **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES;**
6. Religious activities;
7. Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions;
8. Support for the Cuban people;
9. Humanitarian projects;
10. Activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes;
11. Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials;
12. Certain export transactions that may be considered for authorization under existing Department of Commerce regulations and guidelines with respect to Cuba or engaged in by U.S.-owned or -controlled foreign firms.

# PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH & MEETINGS

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## GENERAL LICENSE

- Authorizes attendance at professional meetings or conferences in Cuba related to a traveler's profession, professional background, or area of expertise.
- Schedule of activities: NO free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.
- Traveler: Retain receipts and records demonstrating a full-time schedule of authorized activities.

# EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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## GENERAL LICENSE

- Authorizes faculty, staff, and students at U.S. academic institutions to engage in study abroad programs, academic exchanges, and joint non-commercial academic research.
- Includes *people-to-people* educational activities in Cuba.
- Traveler: Retain receipts and records demonstrating a full-time schedule of authorized activities.

# PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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## JUNE 16, 2017

- President Trump wants to end *individual* people-to-people travel.
- **Individual people-to-people travel**: educational travel that does not involve academic study pursuant to a degree program, and does not take place under the auspices of an organization that is subject to U.S. jurisdiction that sponsors such exchanges to promote people-to-people contact.



# CONCLUSIONS

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- The announced changes do not take effect until OFAC issues the new regulations. **WHEN?? Stay tuned.**
- No changes for UCLA . . . for now.
- Travel: Contact RPC prior to traveling to Cuba  
(and Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria)
- EPASS: If PI has intentions of traveling to Cuba, please indicate this in the Export Control section

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