



## Travel Affidavit

### Updated June 4, 2019 Following New OFAC Regulations

*In accordance with the newly announced changes to non-family travel to Cuba, OFAC is amending the regulations to remove the authorization for group people-to-people educational travel. OFAC's regulatory changes include a "grandfathering" provision, which provides that certain group people-to-people educational travel that previously was authorized will continue to be authorized where the traveler had already completed at least one travel-related transaction (such as purchasing a flight or reserving accommodation) prior to June 5, 2019. Please note that travel-related transactions continue to be permitted by general licenses for certain categories of travel and certain authorized export transactions. For more on authorized travel to Cuba, please click [here](#).*

### Categories of Cuba Travel Licenses:

- (1) Family visits (see [§ 515.561](#));

**General license.** [Persons](#) subject to the jurisdiction of the [United States](#) and [persons](#) traveling with them who share a common dwelling as a family with them are authorized to engage in the travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to: visiting a close relative, as defined in [§ 515.339](#), who is a national of Cuba or a [person](#) ordinarily resident in Cuba; or visiting a close relative located in Cuba or accompanying a close relative traveling to Cuba pursuant to the authorizations in [§ 515.562](#) (official government business), [§ 515.563](#) (journalistic activity), [§ 515.564\(a\)](#) (professional research), [§ 515.565\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) through (iv) and (vi) (educational activities), [§ 515.566](#) (religious activities), [§ 515.575](#) (humanitarian projects), or [§ 515.576](#) (activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes).

- (2) Official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations (see [§ 515.562](#));
- a) The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to activities in their official capacities by [persons](#) who are employees, contractors, or grantees of the [United States](#) Government, any foreign government, or any intergovernmental organization of which the [United States](#) is a member or holds observer status, and who are traveling on the official business of their government or intergovernmental organization, are authorized.
  - b) All [transactions](#) otherwise prohibited by this part that are for the conduct of the official business of the [United States](#) Government or of any intergovernmental organization of which the [United States](#) is a member, or holds observer status, by employees, grantees, or contractors thereof, are authorized.

- c) Each [person](#) relying on the general authorization in this paragraph must retain specific records related to the authorized travel transactions. For [example](#), grantees or contractors relying on the authorization in this section must retain a copy of their grant or contract with the [United States Government](#), foreign government, or intergovernmental organization. See §§ [501.601](#) and [501.602](#) of this chapter for applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

(3) Journalistic activity (see [§ 515.563](#));

- a) **General license.** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to journalistic activities in Cuba are authorized, provided that:
- a. The traveler is at least one of the following:
    - i. Regularly employed as a journalist by a news reporting organization;
    - ii. Regularly employed as supporting broadcast or technical personnel;
    - iii. A freelance journalist with a record of previous journalistic experience working on a freelance journalistic project; or
    - iv. or technical personnel with a record of previous broadcast or technical experience, who are supporting a freelance journalist working on a freelance journalistic project; and
  - b. The traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.

(4) Professional research and professional meetings (see [§ 515.564](#));

a) **General license.**

- i. **Professional research.** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to professional research are authorized, provided that:
  1. The purpose of the research directly relates to the traveler's profession, professional background, or area of expertise, including area of graduate-level full-time study;
  2. The traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule of professional research.

(5) Educational activities (see [§ 515.565](#));

a) **General license for educational activities.**

- i. Accredited U.S. undergraduate or graduate degree-granting academic institutions, their students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at the institution, and their full-time permanent employees, are authorized to engage, under the auspices of the institutions, in [transactions](#), including the travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#), that are directly incident to the following activities:
  1. Participation in a structured educational program in Cuba as part of a course offered at the U.S. institution, provided the program includes a full term, and in no instance includes fewer than 10 weeks, of study in Cuba. An individual planning to engage in such [transactions](#) must obtain a letter from the U.S. institution stating that the individual is a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate

degree program at the institution, or is a full-time permanent employee of the institution, and that the Cuba-related travel is part of a structured educational program of the U.S. institution that will be no shorter than 10 weeks in duration;

2. Noncommercial academic research in Cuba specifically related to Cuba and for the purpose of obtaining a graduate degree. A student planning to engage in such [transactions](#) must obtain a letter from the U.S. institution stating that the individual is a student currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at the U.S. institution and that the research in Cuba will be accepted for credit toward that degree;
  3. Participation in a formal course of study at a Cuban academic institution, provided the formal course of study in Cuba will be accepted for credit toward the student's undergraduate or graduate degree at the U.S. institution and provided that the course of study is no shorter than 10 weeks in duration. An individual planning to engage in such [transactions](#) must obtain a letter from the U.S. institution stating that the individual is a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at the U.S. institution and that the study in Cuba will be accepted for credit toward that degree and will be no shorter than 10 weeks in duration;
  4. Teaching at a Cuban academic institution by an individual regularly employed in a teaching capacity at the U.S. institution, provided the teaching activities are related to an academic program at the Cuban institution and provided that the duration of the teaching will be no shorter than 10 weeks. An individual planning to engage in such [transactions](#) must obtain a letter from the U.S. institution stating that the individual is a full-time permanent employee regularly employed in a teaching capacity at the U.S. institution;
  5. Sponsorship of a Cuban scholar to teach or engage in other scholarly activity at the U.S. institution (in addition to those [transactions](#) authorized by the general [license](#) contained in [§ 515.571](#)); and
- b) To the extent not authorized in [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)](#) of this section, [persons](#) subject to U.S. jurisdiction, including U.S. academic institutions and their faculty, staff, and students, are authorized to engage in [transactions](#), including the travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#), that are directly incident to the following activities, provided that any travel-related [transactions](#) pursuant to these authorizations take place under the auspices of an organization that is a [person](#) subject to U.S. jurisdiction, and further provided that all such travelers be accompanied by a [person](#) subject to U.S. jurisdiction who is an employee, paid consultant, agent, or other representative of the sponsoring organization, except in cases where the traveler is an employee, paid consultant, agent, or other representative traveling individually (not as part of a group) and the individual traveler obtains a letter from the sponsoring organization stating that: The individual is traveling to Cuba as an employee, paid consultant, agent, or other representative (including specifying the responsibilities of the individual that make him or her a representative) of the sponsoring organization; the individual is acting for or on behalf of, or otherwise representing, the sponsoring organization; and the individual's travel to Cuba is related to his or her role at the sponsoring organization:
- i. Participation in a structured educational program in Cuba as part of a course offered for credit by a U.S. graduate or undergraduate degree-granting academic institution that is sponsoring the program;

- ii. Noncommercial academic research in Cuba specifically related to Cuba and for the purpose of obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree;
- iii. Participation in a formal course of study at a Cuban academic institution, provided the formal course of study in Cuba will be accepted for credit toward the student's graduate or undergraduate degree;
- iv. Teaching at a Cuban academic institution related to an academic program at the Cuban institution, provided that the individual is regularly employed by a U.S. or other non-Cuban academic institution;
- v. Sponsorship of a Cuban scholar to teach or engage in other scholarly activity at the sponsoring U.S. academic institution (in addition to those [transactions](#) authorized by the general [license](#) contained in [§ 515.571](#)).

#### Note to paragraph

***General license for certain people-to-people travel and related transactions where certain transactions were completed prior to June 5, 2019.*** [Persons](#) subject to U.S. jurisdiction are authorized to engage in people-to-people travel and related [transactions](#) for a trip consistent with [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section as those provisions existed on April 17, 2019, provided the traveler completed at least one travel-related [transaction](#) (such as purchasing a flight or reserving accommodation) for that particular trip prior to June 5, 2019.

#### (6) Religious activities (see [§ 515.566](#));

- a) ***General license.*** [Persons](#) subject to U.S. jurisdiction, including religious organizations located in the [United States](#) and members and staff of such organizations, are authorized to engage in the travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to engaging in religious activities in Cuba, provided that the travel-related [transactions](#) pursuant to this authorization must be for the purpose of engaging, while in Cuba, in a full-time schedule of religious activities.

#### (7) Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions (see [§ 515.567](#));

- a) ***General license for amateur and semi-professional international sports federation competitions.*** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such other [transactions](#) as are directly incident to participation in athletic competitions in Cuba by amateur or semi-professional athletes or athletic teams, or organization of such competitions, are authorized, provided that:
  - i. athletic competition in Cuba is held under the auspices of the international sports federation for the relevant sport;
  - ii. The U.S. [participants](#) in the athletic competition are selected by the U.S. federation for the relevant sport; and
  - iii. The competition is open for attendance, and in relevant situations, participation, by the Cuban public.
- b) ***General license for public performances, clinics, workshops, other athletic or non-athletic competitions, and exhibitions.*** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such other [transactions](#) as are directly incident to participation in or organization of a public performance, clinic, workshop, athletic competition not covered by [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section, non-athletic competition, or exhibition in Cuba by

[participants](#) in or organizers of such activities are authorized, provided that the event is open for attendance, and in relevant situations participation, by the Cuban public.

(8) Support for the Cuban people (see [§ 515.574](#));

- a) **General license.** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and other [transactions](#) that are intended to provide support for the Cuban people are authorized, provided that
  - i. The activities are of:
    1. Recognized human rights organizations;
    2. Independent organizations designed to promote a rapid, peaceful transition to democracy; or
    3. Individuals and non-governmental organizations that promote independent activity intended to strengthen civil society in Cuba; and
  - ii. Each traveler engages in a full-time schedule of activities that:
    1. Enhance contact with the Cuban people, support civil society in Cuba, or promote the Cuban people's independence from Cuban authorities; and
    2. Result in meaningful interaction with individuals in Cuba.
    3. The traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.

(9) Humanitarian projects (see [§ 515.575](#));

- a) **General license.** [Transactions](#), including the travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#), that are related to the humanitarian projects in or related to Cuba that are designed to directly benefit the Cuban people as set forth in paragraph (b) are authorized, provided that the traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.
- b) **Authorized humanitarian projects.** The following projects are authorized by [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section: Medical and health-related projects; construction projects intended to benefit legitimately independent civil society groups; disaster preparedness, relief, and response; historical preservation; environmental projects; projects involving formal or non-formal educational training, within Cuba or off-island, on the following topics: Entrepreneurship and business, civil education, journalism, advocacy and organizing, adult literacy, or vocational skills; community-based grassroots projects; projects suitable to the development of small-scale private enterprise; projects that are related to agricultural and rural development that promote independent activity; microfinancing projects, except for loans, extensions of credit, or other financing prohibited by [§ 515.208](#); and projects to meet basic human needs.

(10) Activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes (see [§ 515.576](#));

- a) **General license.** The travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to activities by private foundations or research or educational institutes with an established [interest](#) in international relations to collect information related to Cuba for noncommercial purposes are authorized, provided that the traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.

- b)

**(11)** Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials (see [§ 515.545](#));

- a) [Transactions](#) relating to the creation, dissemination, artistic or other substantive alteration, or enhancement of informational materials are authorized, including employment of Cuban nationals and remittance of royalties or other payments in connection with such [transactions](#). This section authorizes marketing related to the dissemination of such informational materials but does not authorize other marketing or business consulting services.

- b) **General license.**

- i. Travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to the exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials as defined in [§ 515.332](#) are authorized, provided that the traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.
- ii. Travel-related [transactions](#) set forth in [§ 515.560\(c\)](#) and such additional [transactions](#) as are directly incident to professional media or artistic productions of information or informational materials for exportation, importation, or transmission, including the filming or production of media programs (such as movies and television programs), the recording of music, and the creation of artworks in Cuba, are authorized, provided that the traveler is regularly employed in or has demonstrated professional experience in a field relevant to such professional media or artistic productions, and that the traveler's schedule of activities does not include free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.

**(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 (see [§§ 515.533](#) and 515.559).

- a) All [transactions](#) ordinarily incident to the exportation of items from the [United States](#), or the reexportation of items from a third country, to any [person](#) within Cuba are authorized, provided that:
  - i. The exportation or reexportation is licensed or otherwise authorized by the Department of Commerce under the provisions of the [Export Administration Act of 1979](#), as amended ([50 U.S.C. 4601-4623](#)) (see the Export Administration Regulations, [15 CFR parts 730](#) through 774);

- ii. The [transaction](#) is not a [transaction](#) between a U.S.-owned or -controlled firm in a third country and Cuba for the exportation to Cuba of commodities produced in a country other than the [United States](#) or Cuba;
- iii. The [transaction](#) is not financed from any [blocked account](#); and
- iv. In the case of agricultural commodities, as that term is defined in [15 CFR part 772](#), only the following payment and financing terms are used:
  - v. Payment of cash in advance. For the purposes of this section, the term “payment of cash in advance” shall mean payment before the [transfer](#) of title to, and control of, the exported items to the Cuban purchaser; or
  - vi. Financing by a [banking institution](#) located in a third country provided the [banking institution](#) is not a [designated national](#), a U.S. citizen, a U.S. [permanent resident alien](#), or an entity organized under the laws of the [United States](#) or any jurisdiction within the [United States](#) (including any foreign branch of such an entity). Such financing may be confirmed or advised by a U.S. [banking institution](#).



## **TRAVEL AFFIDAVIT**

I understand that, under Cuban Assets Control Regulations (the “CACR”), U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in travel-related transactions to Cuba, unless such persons qualify for travel under one of twelve categories stated in the CACR. I further understand that the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“OFAC”) administers and enforces the CACR and has authority to request information about my travel to Cuba.

I, the undersigned, declare and certify the following:

- I have reviewed the travel categories, and I hereby certify that:
- I qualify for a general license stated in section number Support for the Cuban People – 515.574 or
- I hold a specific (written) license number (copy enclosed).

I also acknowledge and agree that I must maintain copies of all records relating to my travel (including but not limited to copies of this Affidavit, tickets, invoices, receipts, and itineraries, etc.) for a period of five years.

I solemnly affirm under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and accurate.

**Signature of Traveler**



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