

# United States | Deferred Enforced Departure Announced for Certain Palestinians

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Beginning immediately, the U.S. will defer the removal of Palestinian residents for 18 months, except for individuals who:

- Have voluntarily returned to the Palestinian territories after Feb. 14, 2024.
- Have not consistently resided in the United States since Feb. 14, 2024.
- Are inadmissible under the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- Have been convicted of a felony or two or more misdemeanors in the U.S.
- Are subject to extradition.
- Are considered a danger to public safety or whose presence posed potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the U.S.

**Additional Information:** In the memorandum, Biden said the move was prompted by conditions in the Palestinian territories, primarily in Gaza, following Israel's military response to Hamas' Oct. 7 attack in Israel. "Humanitarian conditions in the Palestinian territories, and primarily Gaza, have significantly deteriorated," Biden said.

**BAL Analysis:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said it would provide additional information about the implementation of Biden's memorandum, including how eligible individuals may apply for DED-based employment authorization documents with the agency. BAL will continue to monitor these developments and will provide updates as they become available. Additional information on DED is available on [this](#) USCIS website.

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