BHA RESPONSE PRE-TRAVEL READINESS CHECKLIST



Travel readiness begins long before a response activation. As soon as you open a DART PTB, you should make a plan to complete the following checklist of required steps to be travel ready.



VALID PASSPORT



All USAID Direct Hires and USPSCs must use a diplomatic passport for official international travel. Other USG staff may travel on an "Official" passport or a personal passport. In most cases, ISCs will travel on a personal passport but may be required to obtain a "Service" or diplomatic passport for some travel

Note: Passports can take up to a few months to process. If you need an expedited passport, let TTD know when you request your forms.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Enter your passport information in your PETER profile
- Ensure that your passport is not expired and has at least 6 months validity beyond your activation end date (if known).
- PASAs should contact <u>BHA.DASPTravel@usaid.gov</u> for passport assistance. All other eligible BHA staff can contact <u>passportsandvisas@usaid.gov</u> for guidance or go to the TTD Google Site <u>Passports and Visas</u> for the necessary forms/instructions for diplomatic or service passports, if needed.



MEDICAL CLEARANCE



Individuals on temporary duty assignments (TDY) longer than 30 days require a medical clearance to access the Embassy health unit. Those on TDY for fewer than 30 days require either a medical clearance or a physician's statement of physical fitness. Those without a medical clearance or physician's statement of physical fitness may not use the embassy health unit and should not deploy.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Enter the date of your Medical Clearance in your PETER Profile
- O If you do not have a medical clearance, please follow Department of State Bureau of Medical Services guidelines to initiate your medical clearance.
- O If you have a medical clearance, verify that it is a Worldwide medical clearance.
 - If it is not a Worldwide medical clearance, contact MEDClearancesPA@state.gov to transfer your medical clearance to the correct post upon nomination for a deployment.



FACT OR CTAT



The Foreign Affairs Counter Threat (FACT) course (CT-650), is a five-day, in-person, mandatory training for all USG staff working overseas for 90 or more cumulative days in a 12-month period. FACT is valid for 6 years.

CT401 Counter Threat Awareness Training (CTAT) (soon to be renamed eFACT) is an online course developed for employees on cumulative TDY assignment(s) of less than 90 days in a 12-month period. Those with an active FACT certificate do not need to take CTAT. CTAT/eFACT is valid for 6 years.

INSTRUCTIONS

- To register for FACT:
 - Follow the guidance on the <u>BHA Training</u> <u>Unit</u> Google page.
- To register for CTAT
 - CTAT is offered through <u>USAID University</u> at no cost through October 1, 2025. We recommend taking CTAT by this date, especially if you don't have a FACT certificate!
 - Starting October 1, 2025, CTAT will change to eFACT and will only be offered through FSI with an associated cost.
- O Update your training records in PETER once you have a completion certificate

GET TRAVEL READY!



