

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21505 and #21506; ALASKA Disaster Number AK-20018]

Administrative Disaster Declaration of a Rural Area for the State of Alaska

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative disaster declaration of a rural area for the state of Alaska dated April 15, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding and Remnants of Typhoon Halong.

DATES: Issued on April 15, 2026.

Incident Period: October 8, 2025 through October 13, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: June 15, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: January 15, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration of a rural area applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Area: Bering Strait Regional Educational Attendance Area.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

	Percent
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 215056 and for economic injury is 215060.

The state which received an SBA Administrative rural declaration is Alaska.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority:13 CFR 123.(b).)

James Stallings,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2025-0037]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Rescindment of a system of records notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, we are issuing public notice of our intent to discontinue an existing system of records notice entitled, Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases (60-0010), last published on January 11, 2006.

DATES: This rescindment is applicable upon its publication in today's **Federal Register**. We invite public comment on this rescindment. In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, we are providing the public a 30-day period in which to submit comments. Therefore, please submit any comments by May 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Congress may comment on this publication by writing to the Head of Privacy and Disclosure Policy, Law and Policy, SSA, Room G-401 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, or

through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Please reference docket number SSA-2025-0037. All comments we receive will be available for public inspection at the above address and we will post them to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tristin Dorsey, Government Information Specialist, Privacy Implementation Division, Privacy and Disclosure Policy, Law and Policy, SSA, Room G-401 West High Rise, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, telephone: (410) 965-1727, email: OGC.OPD.SORN@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SSA is discontinuing the system of records 60-0010, entitled Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases, which was created to track hearing office workload information. The records will be combined and managed through an existing system of records currently titled, Hearings and Appeals Case Control System (60-0009), last published in full at 91 FR 754 (January 8, 2026). SSA will rely upon the Hearings and Appeals Case Control System to track and manage hearing office workload information, from the receipt of a request for hearing until the final hearing level disposition (decision or dismissal).

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases, 60-0010

HISTORY:

71 FR 1806 (January 11, 2006), Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases.

72 FR 69273 (December 10, 2007), Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases.

83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), Hearing Office Tracking System of Claimant Cases.

Matthew Ramsey,

Head of Privacy and Disclosure Policy, Law and Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12997]

United States Passports Moving to Single-Sized Passport Book

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State currently issues two passport book sizes—a 26-page book and a 50-page book. A determination was made to shift

the U.S. passport book to a single-sized, 38-page passport book, with the release of the next redesign.

DATES: Submit comments by June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following method: Comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: “DOS–2026–0496” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amber Long, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Modernization and Systems Liaison, tel.: (202) 485–6520, email: AskPPTInternationalAffairs@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the Next Generation Passport (NGP) is available in 26-page and 50-page book sizes. Previously, the legacy ePassport was available in a 28-page and 52-page book. The U.S passport Series B is being redesigned for an anticipated rollout in 2028, and this will include a shift to a single-sized book with 38 pages. All passport book types will change with the exception of the Emergency Passport, which will remain a 12-page book.

In 2024, a feasibility study was conducted on the impacts of moving to a single sized passport book. The results of the study determined a 38-page book would increase efficiencies and reduce waste within the production of the passport at the Government Publishing Office (GPO) and within the issuance process at the U.S. Department of State. On average, 92 percent of customers applying for a passport book request the 26-page book. Of the 8 percent of customers receiving the 50-page book, most do so due to a policy practice to issue 50-page books to special-issuance and overseas applicants. In other words, while some frequent international travelers, U.S. citizens residing abroad, and special-issuance passport holders will need to renew more frequently once the 50-page option becomes unavailable, the Department expects those applicants to make up a small percentage of all passport applicants. Switching to a single-sized, 38-page book will allow more visa pages for the majority of applicants. Planned enhancements to the Department’s Online Passport Renewal (OPR) platform that will allow overseas applicants to renew their passports online are also expected to introduce new efficiencies for those customers and may mitigate this burden.

The Department seeks input from stakeholders on the potential burdens of eliminating the 50-page book as an option. The Department appreciates and values all feedback and will give due consideration to the comments received. However, at this time, the Department does not plan to respond to the comments in the **Federal Register**.

Matthew D. Pierce,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Operating Limitations at Chicago O’Hare International Airport, Order Establishing Scheduling Limits

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Order establishing scheduling limits at Chicago O’Hare International Airport.

I. Introduction

Following delay reduction meetings conducted under 49 U.S.C. 41722, this Order establishes a temporary limit on the number of scheduled operations at Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD). It allocates those operations based on Summer 2025 (*i.e.*, March 30, 2025, through October 25, 2025) approved schedules under standard International Air Transportation Association (IATA) Level 2 schedule facilitation guidelines. Unapproved air carrier schedules published at ORD well after the conclusion of the standard Level 2 facilitation process and proximate to the beginning of the Summer 2026 scheduling season (“Summer 2026”, *i.e.*, March 29, 2026, through October 24, 2026) will exceed the airport’s capacity throughout Summer 2026 based on current factors such as airport construction and competitive scheduling dynamics occurring between the two largest carriers at the airport. Therefore, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that 2,708 operations per day is the level that will maximize capacity at the airfield in the Summer of 2026 without resulting in delays that are worse than those experienced in the Summer of 2025.

By establishing this scheduling limit, this Order will achieve significant public benefits in Summer 2026 by

improving airspace and airfield safety and efficiency, reducing surface movement in the constrained taxiway environment, mitigating the substantial inconvenience to the traveling public caused by excessive flight delays at the airport, and will meet a serious transportation need by preventing widespread operational disruption at ORD and throughout the National Airspace System (NAS) during Summer 2026. This Order takes effect on May 17, 2026, and expires on October 24, 2026. As discussed further below, the FAA believes that significant progress on airfield construction through the Summer 2026 season will reduce the likelihood of the need for the scheduling limit beyond the end of the season.

II. Background

Authority

In this matter, using authority provided in 49 U.S.C. 41722, the Secretary of Transportation requested that the Administrator convene meetings involving air carriers serving ORD to reduce overscheduling and flight delays during hours of peak operation in Summer 2026. Consistent with the statutory standards, the Secretary determined that the meetings were necessary to meet a serious transportation need or achieve an important public benefit, and the Administrator conducted the meetings.

The U.S. Government has exclusive sovereignty over the airspace of the United States,¹ and the Department of Transportation, including the FAA, has broad authorities to address safety, efficiency, economic, and competitive issues affecting the airline industry. As part of these broad authorities, the Administrator may assign by regulation or order the use of the airspace as necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of the airspace.² The Administrator may modify or revoke an assignment when required by the public interest.³ The Administrator considers as being in the public interest, among other things, controlling the use of the navigable airspace and regulating operations in that airspace in the

¹ 49 U.S.C. 40103.

² 49 U.S.C. 40103(b)(1), as previously codified in 49 U.S.C. App. § 307(a). Title 49 was recodified by Public Law 103–222, 108 Stat. 745 (1994). The textual revisions were not intended to result in substantive changes to the law. The recodification stated that the words in § 307(a) “under such terms, conditions, and limitations as he may deem” were omitted as surplus. H. Rpt. 103–180 (103d Cong., 1st Sess. 1993) at 262.

³ *Id.*