



## **Major Changes for Colleges and Universities Organizing Travel to Cuba for Educational Activities**

**In an effort to reach out to the Cuban People, President Obama has amended the regulations for colleges and universities wishing to offer Educational Programs in Cuba. The following is a direct quote about the amended regulations.**

“Section 515.565 is amended to implement policy changes for travel related transactions incident to educational activities. A new general license authorizing accredited U.S. graduate and undergraduate degree granting academic institutions to engage in Cuba travel-related transactions incident to certain educational activities replaces the former statement of specific licensing policy in paragraph (a) of section 515.565. Specific licenses issued pursuant to former paragraph (a) were limited to one year in duration and covered only “full-time permanent employees of, and students enrolled “at,” a particular licensed institution. The new general license authorizes transactions incident to the educational activities described in paragraph (a) of section 515.565 by all members of the faculty and staff (including but not limited to adjunct faculty and part-time staff) of a sponsoring U.S. academic institution. The new general license also authorizes students to participate in academic activities in Cuba through any sponsoring U.S. academic institution, not only through the accredited U.S. academic institution at which the student is pursuing a degree. The requirement that participation in a structured educational program in Cuba or participation in a formal course of study at a Cuban academic institution be no shorter than 10 weeks in duration is removed, and the new general license instead requires that the study in Cuba be accepted for credit toward the student’s degree.”

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