

Inadmissibility Criminal Grounds INA § 212(a)(2); 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(2)



Statute	Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility
INA § 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I)	Conviction/sufficient admission of a crime involving moral turpitude (CIMT)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUT Juvenile offense exception • BUT petty offense exception
INA § 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)	ANY controlled substance offense conviction or violation of a law relating to a controlled substance (no exceptions)*
INA § 212(a)(2)(B)	Any two or more criminal offenses with aggregate sentence of over 5 years*
INA § 212(a)(2)(C)	“Reason to believe” drug trafficking*
INA § 212(a)(2)(D)	Prostitution/commercialized vice*
INA § 212(a)(2)(E)	Certain aliens involved in serious criminal activity who assert immunity to prosecution*
INA § 212(a)(2)(G)	Foreign officials who engaged in particularly severe violations of religious freedoms*
INA § 212(a)(2)(H)	Human trafficking*
INA § 212(a)(2)(I)	Money laundering*
INA § 212(a)(3)(B)	Terrorism grounds* (any terrorist involvement whatsoever, including incidental, that DHS “knows or has reasonable grounds to believe” is true)

*These criminal grounds of inadmissibility will also subject an immigrant to mandatory detention in immigration custody pursuant to INA 236(c), with no eligibility for release on bond.

Deportability Criminal Grounds INA § 237(a)(2); 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(2)



Statute	Criminal Grounds of Deportability
INA § 237 (a)(2)(A)(i)	Conviction of 1 CIMT committed within 5 years of admission with maximum possible sentence of 1 year or more (triggers mandatory detention only if sentence is actually 1 year or more)*
INA § 237(a)(2)(A)(ii)	Conviction of 2 or more CIMTs arising from different criminal schemes*
INA § 237(a)(2)(A)(iii)	Conviction of an aggravated felony*
INA § 237(a)(2)(A)(iv)	High speed flight
INA § 237(a)(2)(A)(v)	Failure to register as a sex offender
INA § 237(a)(2)(B)(i)	Any controlled substance conviction* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXCEPT for 1 simple possession for one's own use of less than 30g of marijuana
INA § 237(a)(2)(B)(ii)	Admission to habitual drug abuse/addiction*
INA § 237(a)(2)(C)	Conviction of firearms offense*
INA § 237(a)(2)(D)	Miscellaneous national security-related offenses (sabotage, sedition, espionage, treason, aiding foreign military against US ally, violating Military Selective Service Act, procuring entry to the US via fraud or trafficking)*
INA § 237(a)(2)(E)	Crimes of domestic violence, stalking; violation of protection order; crimes against children (child abuse)
INA § 237(a)(2)(F)	Human trafficking
INA § 237(a)(4)(B)	Terrorism grounds*

*These criminal grounds of deportability will also subject an immigrant to mandatory detention in immigration custody pursuant to INA § 236(c), with no opportunity for release on bond.