

# TikTok Rule



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# Federal Interim Ruling: Tik Tok

- New [Federal Acquisition Regulation](#) (FAR 52.204-27) clause prohibits federal contractors and subcontractors from “having or using” the social networking service TikTok or any “successor application” developed by ByteDance, a Chinese internet technology company headquartered in Beijing, on any information technology system used or provided by the contractor in the performance of a covered government contract.
- Rule effective 2023; Outreach to SVPR Research Council, affected PIs, broader research community



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## Currently in place:

- **Researcher Attestations**: PIs and their respective research personnel on applicable contracts/subcontracts sign an attestation to ensure none of the equipment (Emory owned or personal) used by project personnel for work done on the contract has, or will have, ByteDance applications installed or accessed.
- **Local IT Support**: Use the technical capabilities of Emory's endpoint management software to block/remove TikTok and related applications on Emory owned/managed devices where possible.



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## New (broader impact)—Network-Level Block

- **Network Access**: Block TikTok and other ByteDance applications at a network level to the extent possible on all Emory business networks.
  - Includes Emory Healthcare business networks
  - Student and Guest networks NOT affected
  - Effective date early April (TBD)
- **Institutionally Approved Tik Tok Accounts** - education, teaching, other Emory business use can apply for exemption
- **Next Steps**: Network block communications and outreach, exception process implementation

# Tik Tok Rule Research Security Site & FAQs

<https://rcra.emory.edu/research-security/tik-tok.html>

## TikTok Ban FAQ

WHAT IS THE NEW RULE ON TIKTOK?	+
WHEN DOES COMPLIANCE START?	+
DOES THE TIKTOK BAN APPLY TO ALL FEDERAL AGREEMENTS?	+
WILL THIS BAN IMPACT EXISTING FEDERAL CONTRACTS?	+
WHICH PERSONALLY OWNED DEVICES DOES THE RULE COVER?	+
WHAT IS MEANT BY PERFORMING WORK ON A FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACT?	+
HOW IS EMORY COMPLYING WITH THE INTERIM RULING?	+
HOW WILL INDIVIDUALS KNOW IF THEIR PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BAN? WILL EMORY NOTIFY THEM?	+
IS VIEWING TIKTOK VIDEOS EMBEDDED IN FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, OR ONLINE ARTICLES A VIOLATION OF THE TIKTOK BAN?	+
DOES THE APP ITSELF NEED TO BE DELETED ON EMORY-OWNED DEVICES?	+
I MANAGE A FEDERAL PROJECT THAT INVOLVES PHONE USE BY NON-EMORY VOLUNTEERS. DO THEY NEED TO REMOVE TIKTOK ON THEIR DEVICES IF THEY ARE USING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH?	+
IS TIKTOK EDITING SOFTWARE (CAPCUT) PART OF THIS BAN?	+
WHICH COUNTRIES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE BANNED TIKTOK ON FEDERAL DEVICES?	+

