

Exchange Visitor: Travel Outside of U.S.

Travel Documents
J-1 Exchange Visitor scholars should be prepared to present the following documents to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials when seeking to re-enter the U.S. after international travel:
 Printed, Signed Form DS-2019 with Valid ISSS Travel Signature You must carry a printed DS-2019 with a valid travel signature A travel signature on a DS-2019 is generally valid within 1 year of the signature date or until the DS-2019 program end date on the DS-2019, whichever occurs first Example, if you are a short-term scholar with a 5-month program, a travel signature is only valid until your DS-2019 end date To request a travel signature, submit the DS-2019 Reprint Request e-form available in the MyISSS portal under the "J-1 Scholar Services" section ISSS will process your request in 2-5 business days and email you your DS-2019 with an electronic signature. Print and sign the DS-2019 (original wet ink signature) in the Exchange Visitor Certification section and carry it with you when you travel.
☐ Valid Passport
 Your passport should be valid 6 months beyond the program end date indicated on your DS-2019 Some exceptions may apply based on your country of citizenship You can renew your passport at your country's embassy or consulate within the U.S.
☐ Valid U.S. Visa
 You must have a valid J-1 visa stamp to re-enter the U.S. Exception: Canadian citizens do not require a visa. Automatic Visa Revalidation: You may be eligible for a visa revalidation if: Your J-1 visa has expired. You are traveling to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands for 30 days or less. You have a valid most recent I-94.
Note: CBP has discretion to grant re-entry under this rule. Review guidelines on the <u>Department of State</u> <u>Automatic Revalidation Webpage</u> and the <u>Automatic Revalidation for Certain Temporary Visitors on the CBP Webpage</u>
 Current Financial Support Documents Bring proof of funding as listed on your DS-2019 such as: CU Boulder offer letter indicating salary A bank statement for personal funds Funding/sponsorship letter
☐ CU Boulder Departmental Invitation / Offer Letter / Exchange Visitor Program Summary
☐ For J-1 Student Interns Only: DS-7002 Training/Internship Placement Plan

Temporary Absence of More Than 30 Days

If you will be outside the U.S. for 30 days or more:

- Submit the Temporary Absence/Out of Country Request available in the "J-1 Scholar Services" section
 of the MylSSS portal
- Be sure to complete all sections of the multi-part e-form

Travel To Third Country Destinations

If traveling through or to a third country (not your home country or the U.S.):

- You may need a transit visa or tourist visa.
- Check with the embassy or consulate of the country you will visit to determine requirements.

Renewing Your J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa

Review the ISSS Visa Renewal Information for Students and Scholars handout.

J-2 Dependent Travel

J-2 dependents:

- May travel with or without the J-1 scholar.
- May stay in the U.S. without the J-1 present if the J-1 maintains valid status.
- May re-enter the U.S. using the same SEVIS ID number.

J-2s must carry:

- A printed, signed DS-2019 with valid travel signature
- A valid passport
- A valid J-2 visa (or qualify for <u>automatic visa revalidation</u>)
- Possibly, supporting documents showing the J-1's current status (e.g., copies of J-1's documents as noted above).

After Returning to the U.S., Review and Print Your I-94 Arrival Record

After each entry to the U.S., review your I-94 arrival record:

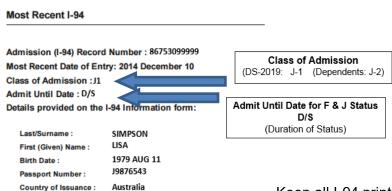
- 1. Go to the CBP I-94 website
- 2. Enter your information as it appears on your visa or passport.
- 3. Verify the I-94 details are correct.

If you cannot access your I-94, try different name configurations or contact ISSS.

Review your I-94 and make sure your arrival was recorded correctly.

If there is an error, request a correction from CBP: Printing a Copy of Your I-94 & Obtaining an I-94 Correction





Keep all I-94 printouts for your personal immigration records.

You do not need to send your I-94 to ISSS after every trip.

Frequently Asked Travel Questions

- Q: Do I need to print my DS-2019 or can I use the electronic copy?
 - You must carry a printed DS-2019 with your original signature. Electronic copies are not accepted at U.S. ports of entry.
- Q: I am outside the U.S. and I forgot my DS-2019 or the travel signature is no longer valid! What do I do?
 - You may be admitted under <u>Form I-515A</u>, which gives you 30 days to provide missing documents. Contact ISSS immediately if you receive one.
- Q: Can I re-enter the U.S. after I have completed my Exchange Visitor program using my J-1 visa?
 - No, you cannot re-enter the U.S. in J-1 or J-2 status during the 30-day grace period following your J-1 program end date.