

I-94 Overview for J-1 Exchange Visitors



What is an I-94?

- All international visitors who enter the United States are given an I-94 (Arrival / Departure record), which is a form completed by [US Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#) to track their entry and exit to/from the US.
- I-94 records for J-1 Exchange Visitors confirm entry and departure to and from the U.S. for J-1 visa compliance.
- An up-to-date I-94 record with J-1 status is required for US employment verification and Social Security Applications

How are you arriving to the US?



Arriving via Airport or Seaport?



If arriving to the U.S. by air or sea, an I-94 record will automatically be created after you pass through U.S. Customs and Immigration.

Are you part of a Trusted Traveler Program?

If entering the U.S. with NEXUS, SENTRI, or Global Entry, be sure to confirm with CBP or CBSA that you are entering the U.S. with J-1 Status as an Student or *Exchange* Visitor and not any other type of visitor visa.



Arriving by Land Border?



If arriving by car or train and crossing border to enter the U.S., individuals should [apply for an I-94 record in advance](#), up to 7 days before entry

Where is your I-94 record?

Search for your I-94 from the [CBP I-94 website](#), by selecting "Get Most Recent I-94"

Need to Correct an I-94 Record?

If your I-94 record contains errors or you are having difficulty retrieving it from the [website](#), contact the CBP [Deferred Inspection Site](#) nearest your [port of entry](#).

Review the following on your I-94 record for accuracy:

- First Name(s) + Surname/Family Name(s)
- Date of Birth
- Class of Admission (J-1)
- Document Number (Passport No.)
- Country of Citizenship
- Date of Entry
- Admit Date (D/S or Program End Date)