Travel Abroad Information
for J-1 Faculty, Staff or Visiting Scholars

DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility Endorsement for Travel:

Your DS-2019 has been endorsed to permit re-entry to the US. The endorsement is valid for the duration explained in the Travel Validation section or until the expiration date of your DS-2019. The expiration date is given on item #3 of the DS-2019.

Following are exceptions to this endorsement:

- On the date that you complete your objective, the endorsement is no longer valid. This may be the date that you terminate your employment or program with the Purdue department.
- If the visa stamp in your passport has expired, you will need to apply for a re-entry visa at a US Embassy or Consulate abroad.
- If you are a Visiting Scholar who plans to travel outside US for more than 21 days, please ask for the front desk handout “Visiting Scholar Extended Off-campus Trips”
- All faculty, staff with employment appointments at Purdue University must complete Form 33A (Request for Absence from Campus), which may be obtained from your department’s business office before traveling.

Please realize that although this office is committed to doing its best to assist you, it is your responsibility to maintain your nonimmigrant status at all times and to comply with University policies/procedures:

- http://www.iss.purdue.edu/FacultyStaff/J1/MaintainingLegalStatus.cfm

Traveling to Canada, Mexico. Or the Caribbean:

Auto revalidation of visa: If you travel for less than 30 days to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands you may re-enter the US with your current expired or valid non-immigrant J visa in your passport. If your J visa has expired, in order to re-enter the US you need proper documentation:

- valid passport,
- an endorsed DS-2019 and
- a valid I-94 (only if you have the paper I-94 card).

Please note that there are exceptions:

- Auto revalidation is cancelled if you choose to apply for a US visa at the US consulate/embassy in one of these countries.
- Citizens of Iran, Sudan and Syria are not eligible for automatic revalidation when traveling to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands. Citizens from these countries must have a valid visa before they may re-enter the US.
- If you remain in Canada or Mexico or adjacent islands for 30 days or longer, you must obtain a re-entry visa at the US Embassy or Consulate.

Note: Your I-94 number remains the same when doing auto revalidation. You do not obtain a new I-94 number.
Attention All Visa Renewal Applicants:

Before traveling, you may wish to review the specific instructions and procedures of the US consulate or embassy where you will be applying for your visa. See the following website for links to all US consulates and embassies worldwide: http://travel.state.gov

General Information on the Documents needed for a visa application

- Original DS-2019, endorsed for travel by ISS
- Valid passport
- Proof of financial support:
  - Visiting scholars: Invitation letter from Department and verification of funding (if not receiving funding from Purdue)
  - J-1 employees: Letter from Department business office confirming duration of paid appointment and salary
- Evidence showing your intention to return to your home country upon program completion, including evidence of compelling ties to your home country
- Some consulates/embassies may require standard US passport sized photographs
- If dependents are accompanying you, have a certified copy of your marriage certificate as well as birth certificates for children

Note: These are basic guidelines, not a guarantee that a visa will be issued. Final decision to issue a visa rests with the consular officer. According to guidance from Department of State on November 9th, 2010, a Letter of Good Standing is no longer needed due to embassy access to SEVIS data (the system used to create the DS-2019).

Recommendations

- Keep copies of all documents issued to you (DS-2019, I-94(s), visas and passport) in a safe place.
- Give up your current I-94 (if you have the paper I-94) upon departure from the US (unless you are traveling on auto-revalidation to Canada, Mexico or adjacent islands—see reverse side of this form).
- Check your new electronic I-94 records by going to www.cbp.gov/i94 after you have returned to the US (Those entering US by land borders will still be given an I-94 card that should be stapled into the passport).
- Print your electronic I-94 record BEFORE going on a cruise.
- Provide copies of all new documents to ISS (including new US visas, renewed passports).
- Carry original proof of financial support documents when re-entering the US. This may be required for entry.

NOTE: You may need a visa to enter the country to which you are traveling. If you are flying through another country, you may need a transit visa. Please check with the embassy/consulate for the countries you will visit for information about entry/transit visas.

Arrest or Conviction for Crimes Related to Substance Use/Abuse May Result in Revocation of Visa

If you are currently in the US and your visa is revoked due to DUI, DWI, or other similar related criminal charges, your J-1 status remains valid as long as you comply with all other regulations. The revocation of visa does not override your legal J-1 status granted by US Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) at the time of last entry to the US (Check your I-94 record). However your visa will no longer be valid for future re-entry to the US. (Source: Immigration and Nationality Act: 212(a)(1)(A)(iii))

Indiana Drunk Driving Law: The Indiana Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is 0.08% (Source: http://www.in.gov/isdt/2340.htm)

Faculty, staff or Visiting Scholars who have been charged with DUI, DWI, or similar related criminal charges are advised to consider carefully their need to travel outside the US.