

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

INFORMATION ON J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF AND RE-ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES

◆ ENTRY PROCEDURES ◆

In order to enter the United States (or re-enter the U.S. after travel to another country) you will need:

1. A valid passport (consult with your Embassy or Consulate if renewal of your passport is required).
2. a) The pink copy of your IAP-66 (Certification of Eligibility for J-1 Visa Status) showing that your permission to stay in the U.S. is valid. If re-entering, your IAP-66 form must be validated by IIE prior to your trip and should be kept together with any previous IAP-66 forms issued to you. (**Note:** The signature on the back of the pink copy of your IAP-66 is necessary to validate the dates appearing on line three of your IAP-66. **The validation signature remains valid for twelve months.**)
OR
b) A new (duplicate) IAP-66 form prepared by IIE to be processed on re-entry to the U.S.
3. A valid U.S. J-1 entry visa. In the event your visa has expired, follow the J-1 visa renewal instructions below.

◆ J-1 VISA RENEWAL PROCEDURES ◆

GENERAL

The most reliable way to renew your visa is at a U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country. It is possible in some cases to do this at U.S. embassies and consulates in other countries. However, since application procedures for non-immigrant J-1 status vary, and since some U.S. embassies will serve only nationals of the country in which they are located, you should consult the Department of State web site, **Links to United States Embassies and Consulates Worldwide** at <http://travel.state.gov/links.html>, to secure information about the specific American embassy or consulate to which you will be applying. If the country you plan to visit is not listed, we suggest call the American embassy located nearest the city you will be visiting.

- ❖ **If this embassy will not renew your J-1 visa, you should reconsider your travel plans -- unless you will be traveling to your own country before returning to the United States.**
- ❖ **If the embassy will renew your J-1 entry visa, follow the instructions they provide.**

TRAVEL TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY

Contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to secure a new J-1 entry visa. You will be required to submit:

1. a) the validated pink copy of your IAP-66 form
OR
b) duplicate IAP-66 form to be processed on reentry into the U.S.
2. a valid passport

TRAVEL TO A THIRD COUNTRY

If you can renew your J-1 entry visa, you will be required to submit:

1. a duplicate/new IAP-66 form prepared by IIE (**Note, you must contact us at IIE so that we can issue you a duplicate/new IAP-66 form. The validated pink copy of your IAP-66 form will not be adequate.**)
2. a valid passport
3. a letter from IIE addressed to the American embassy in the country you are visiting



TRAVEL TO CANADA, MEXICO OR CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

To travel to Canada, your valid I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) stapled inside your passport must be shown to Canadian Immigration upon entry. However, you may be asked by an airline attendant to surrender your I-94 card. We suggest you make a photocopy of your I-94 before departure. Present the photocopy of your I-94 and show your round-trip ticket to the attendant.

1. If you will be visiting Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean Islands for less than thirty days and the J-I entry visa in your passport has expired, you do not need to obtain a new visa for reentry into the U.S. At your port of reentry, present your passport, the validated pink IAP-66 and I-94 forms. [REF: Code of Federal Regulations - 8 CFR 214.1(b) and 22 CFR 41.112(d)]
2. If you will visit Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean Islands for more than thirty days, you must have a valid J-I visa for re-entry into the U.S.

◆ VISITS TO CANADA OR MEXICO ◆

To renew your J-I visa you must schedule an appointment at an American embassy or U.S. consulate. If you are in the U.S. and wish to arrange for an appointment in either Canada or Mexico you must call 1-900-443-3131. If you are in Canada or Mexico and wish to arrange an appointment at a U.S. embassy in either of these countries, you must call 900-451-2778. A special operator will schedule your appointment. You may also schedule an appointment through an Internet-based appointment system that enables third-country nationals to schedule appointments at U.S. consulates in Canada and Mexico. An application fee is charged. For complete details, interested individuals should visit this Department of State site at: <http://www.nvars.com>

Visits to the Caribbean Islands: To renew your visa you must contact an American embassy or U.S. consulate, and you should call the embassy immediately upon your arrival to obtain specific information as to their hours of operation and requirements.

Canadian Visa Requirements: For up-to-date information about Canadian visitor visa requirements, access the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Web site at <http://cicnet.ci.gc.ca>. Choose either "English" or "Français," and see "Coming to Canada," and "Obtaining a Visitor's Visa" ("Immigrer au Canada," et "Obtenir un visa pour les visiteurs").

◆ OTHER COUNTRIES' VISA REQUIREMENTS ◆

If you plan to visit a country other than your own, you should consult with an embassy or consulate of that country to find out if you need to secure a visa for entry prior to travel.

◆ AFTER RE-ENTRY ◆

It is important that you send a photocopy of your I-94 and IAP-66 to IIE following your return to the U.S. so that your file is updated.

◆◆◆ IMPORTANT ◆◆◆

If you are issued a new/duplicate IAP-66 for travel and do not travel, you must complete the reverse side of the white copy of the IAP-66 form and return it with the yellow copy to IIE within thirty (30) days of its receipt. Otherwise, your legal stay in the United States will be in jeopardy.