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Arrival/Departure Forms: I-94 and I-94W

Foreign visitors to the U.S. arriving via air or sea no longer need to complete paper Customs and Border Protection **Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record (/document/forms/form-i-94-arrivaldeparture-record)** or **Form I-94W Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Record (/document/forms/form-i-94w-visa-waiver-arrivaldeparture-record)**. Those who need to prove their legal-visitor status—to employers, schools/universities or government agencies—can access their CBP arrival/departure record information online.

CBP now gathers travelers' arrival/departure information automatically from their electronic travel records. Because advance information is only transmitted for air and sea travelers, CBP will still issue a paper form I-94 at land border ports of entry.

If travelers need the information from their Form I-94 admission record to verify immigration status or employment authorization, the record number and other admission information they are encouraged to **get their I-94 Number (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home)**.

Upon arrival, a CBP officer stamps the travel document of each arriving non-immigrant traveler with the admission date, the class of admission, and the date that the traveler is admitted until. If a traveler would like a paper Form I-94, one can be requested during the inspection process. All requests will be accommodated in a secondary setting.

Upon exiting the U.S., travelers previously issued a paper Form I-94 should surrender it to the commercial carrier or to CBP upon departure. Otherwise, CBP will record the departure electronically via manifest information provided by the carrier or by CBP.

This automation streamlines the entry process for travelers, facilitates security and reduces federal costs. CBP estimates that the automated process will save the agency $15.5 million a year.

For more information and for answers to frequently asked questions, see the **I-94 Fact Sheet (/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-Mar/i-94-automation-fact-sheet.pdf)**.

The CBP INFO Center offers **questions and answers for I-94 (https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/list/kw/i94/search/1)**.

NOTICE: Beginning in May 2019, I-94 numbers will be alphanumeric. Currently, I-94 numbers are 11 digits long and only contain numbers. In order to minimize program impact resulting from the depletion of numeric-only I-94 numbers and to create a long-term solution for the creation of new

numbers, CBP is switching to alphanumeric I-94s. I-94 numbers will remain at 11 characters but will follow the format of 9 digits, followed by a letter in the 10th position, and a digit in the 11th position. Unexpired I-94s issued in the current numeric-only format will continue to be valid until the Admit Until Date printed on the paper I-94 and/or the date displayed on the public I-94 website at **https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home)**.

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