



CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO
International Student and Scholar Services



Hello [user:first_name],

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is continuing to provide updates regarding the final rule on Duration of Status for F-1 and J-1 visa holders.

As shared in our previous message, the final rule was published on **July 17, 2026** and is scheduled to take effect on **September 15, 2026**. Current rules remain in effect until the effective date. ISSS will continue posting updates on our Immigration Updates webpage:

[Duration of Status Final Rule Webpage](#)

This message focuses on your **program end date** and what students should understand about extensions.

Explanation: Program End-Dates

Your program end date is the date listed on your Form I-20 or DS-2019 that reflects the expected end of your academic program or exchange visitor program. Under the final rule, program end dates may become more important because future admission periods and extension needs may be connected to the end date listed on your immigration document.

For F-1 students, your program end date is listed on your Form I-20. For J-1 students, your program end date is listed on your Form DS-2019.

At this time, students should review their current Form I-20 or DS-2019 and make sure they know their program end date. If your document does not reflect your expected academic timeline, please contact ISSS. You should

also contact ISSS if you believe you may need additional time to complete your program.

Program Extension vs. Extension of Stay

Under current procedures, students who need more time to complete their program may request a program extension through ISSS. Under the final rule, some students may also need to apply for an **Extension of Stay**, also called an **EOS**, with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services before their authorized period of admission expires.

A **program extension** and an **Extension of Stay** are not the same thing.

A program extension is an update made through ISSS and SEVIS to extend the program end date on a student's Form I-20 or DS-2019 when the student is eligible for additional time.

An Extension of Stay is a separate application submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for additional time to remain in the United States. Under the final rule, students who need additional time beyond their authorized period of admission may need both ISSS/SEVIS action and USCIS action.

At this time, students should not panic or assume that they need to submit an Extension of Stay application immediately. ISSS is continuing to review the rule, including transition provisions for current students, and will communicate with students individually if we identify a situation that may require immediate action.

Steps to Take

Please take the following steps:

1. Review your current Form I-20 or DS-2019.
2. Locate your program end date.
3. Consider whether the program end date accurately reflects your expected academic timeline.
4. Contact ISSS if your program end date does not appear accurate or if you believe you may need additional time to complete your program.
5. Do not wait until the last minute to ask questions about your program end date or possible extension needs.

ISSS will continue monitoring available SEVIS records, including program end dates and I-94 Admit Until Dates where available. However, students are also

responsible for reviewing their own immigration documents and contacting ISSS before making changes to their enrollment, employment, travel, program plans, or immigration status.

Future Updates

As we move through the next few months, ISSS will continue learning more about the full impact of the rule. We will continue sharing information with students, campus departments, and leadership so that students receive accurate and consistent guidance.

Our next update will focus on **travel and reentry after September 15, 2026**, including why students should contact ISSS before international travel and check their Form I-94 after returning to the United States.

For now, please continue to maintain your current immigration status, monitor your CSUSB email, review your immigration documents, and contact ISSS before making changes to your enrollment, employment, travel, program plans, or immigration status.

For immigration-related questions, contact ISSS at iss@csusb.edu.

Sincerely,



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