



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 **international travel and reentry to the United States**.

Explanation: Traveling After September 15, 2026

At this time, students should not panic or assume that international travel is prohibited. However, students should be aware that travel after the final rule takes effect may impact the information on their Form I-94.

Currently, many F-1 and J-1 students are admitted to the United States for **D/S**, which stands for **Duration of Status**. After the final rule takes effect on **September 15, 2026**, students who travel internationally and reenter the United States may receive a specific **Admit Until Date** on their Form I-94 instead of D/S.

This means that students should carefully review their immigration documents before traveling and should check their Form I-94 immediately after returning to the United States.

Steps Before Traveling

Before traveling internationally, students should review the following:

- Your passport validity;
- Your F-1 or J-1 visa validity, if applicable;
- Your Form I-20 or DS-2019 program end date;
- Your travel signature;
- Your current Form I-94;
- Any pending or upcoming immigration applications;
- And whether your travel may affect your transition period or future extension needs.

Steps to Take After Reentering the US

After reentering the United States, students should:

1. Check their Form I-94 as soon as possible;
2. Confirm whether the I-94 shows D/S or a specific Admit Until Date;
3. Save or print a copy of the updated I-94;
4. And contact ISSS if the I-94 information appears incorrect or if they have questions about the date listed.

Students can access their most recent Form I-94 here:

[Form I-94 Webpage](#)

Please remember that ISSS cannot guarantee admission to the United States. U.S. Customs and Border Protection makes admission decisions at the port of entry. However, ISSS can help students review their immigration documents and understand general travel considerations before departure.

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 checking their own Form I-94 after each entry to the United States.

Future Updates

As we move through the next few months, ISSS will continue learning more about the full impact of the rule. We will communicate with students

individually if we identify a situation that may require immediate action. We are also sharing information with campus departments and leadership so that students are referred to ISSS for immigration-related guidance.

Our next update will focus on **academic changes**, including changes of major, changes of degree level, transfers, withdrawals, and why students should contact ISSS before making academic changes.

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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