



WWHEPC J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

Definition of Forms and Documents – J1

DS-2019: Department of State Form (Certificate of Eligibility) for J-1 Visa

Uses:

1. Facilitates the entry of a new participant of the exchange visitor program.
2. Extends the stay of an exchange visitor.
3. Facilitates program transfers.
4. Replaces a lost or stolen DS-2019 form.
5. Facilitates entry of an exchange visitor's alien spouse or minor unmarried children into the United States separately.
6. Facilitates re-entry of an exchange visitor who is traveling outside the United States during the program.
7. Facilitates a change of category when permitted by the Department of State.
8. Updates information when significant changes take place in regard to the exchange visitor's program, such as a substantial change in funding, or in the location where the program will take place.

I-94: (Arrival-Departure Record- Admission Number)

The I-94 is issued to you upon entry into the U.S. All Exchange Visitors should have J-1 written as the visa classification. D/S means the period during which you pursue your stated program plus 30 days in which to depart the country. The I-94 card is issued electronically and can be printed at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/>

Visa: Stamped Page in Passport

A visa normally is a stamp placed in your passport by an official of the United States (or the country you are entering). A way to differentiate between a passport and a visa is to remember that the passport is your proof of citizenship, while the visa is the other country granting you admission. **THE DATE OF THE VISA ON THE STAMPED PAGE IS ONLY TO BE RENEWED IF YOU ARE GOING TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND RETURN AFTER IT HAS EXPIRED.** Keep in mind, a visa only admits you to the United States. Having a valid visa does not mean you are in proper immigration status.

Passport:

A passport is your country's identification of you as a citizen. Your passport must remain valid at all times. It is not allowed to expire. You may renew it by contacting your Embassy/Consulate within the U.S.