

I-94 Automation

CBP has announced it will begin an automated system for issuance of Form I-94 at **SEA and AIR Ports of Entry** on April 30, 2013. **This does not include LAND Ports of Entry.** The implementation of this automated system will take place over four weeks according to the **schedule posted on the CBP [website](#)**.

If you will be initially entering or re-entering the U.S. on or after April 30, 2013 but before May 21, 2013: You MAY not receive a Form I-94 to complete with your personal information, as has been done previously. Instead, travelers' personal information will be obtained electronically directly from their U.S. entry visa or Foreign Passport (if visa exempt). It is extremely important that the U.S. entry visa or passport contain correct information. Incorrect information can cause difficulty and delay in obtaining a copy of the electronic I-94.

If you enter the U.S. after May 21, 2013, you will likely NOT receive a Form I-94, as was previously the case. Instead, travelers' personal information will be obtained electronically directly from their U.S. entry visa or Foreign Passport (if visa exempt). It is extremely important that the U.S. entry visa or passport contain correct information. Incorrect information can cause difficulty and delay in obtaining a copy of the electronic I-94.

Form I-94 will be generated electronically, and may be obtained from the [CBP website](#) using each traveler's information. You should receive an information sheet with specific and detailed instructions from CBP on how to access and print out your Form I-94 for employment (I-9) and other benefit purposes (DMV, SSA).

There are no other changes to the admission requirements or procedures. You must still possess a valid, passport, entry visa (unless exempt) and DS-2019/I-20/I-797 Approval Notice as applicable to enter the U.S.

There are no changes in departure procedures. If you have a paper Form I-94, you should still ensure that it is surrendered upon your exit **UNLESS** you plan to use Automatic Visa Revalidation to re-enter the U.S. **If you plan to use Automatic Visa Revalidation, you should retain your paper I-94.** If you re-enter after May 21, 2013, you should then have an electronic I-94 generated for you using the information on your entry visa or passport. Subsequent entries made after May 21, 2013 will not require a paper I-94 for Automatic Visa Revalidation, but it is advisable to carry a printed copy of the electronic I-94 with you.

Persons who will still receive Paper Form I-94 after May 21, 2013 include:

- Persons traveling without a passport or travel document
- Persons who go through secondary inspection
- Persons traveling through LAND ports of entry (Canada and Mexico)
- Persons changing their immigration status within the U.S. (Form will still be attached to I-797 Notice)

Some additional information can be found [here](#).