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Automatic Extension of an Expired Non-Immigrant Visa For F and J Status

Graduate students, Air, Visa Waiver Program travelers, and other British, French, and Mediterranean citizens are eligible for automatic extension of their visas.

Can I travel even though my visa is expired?

...-enter the U.S. after a trip abroad. Holders of F-1 or J-1 student/scholar with an expired visa may re-enter the country as though the visa were still valid [regulation is at 22CFR 41.112 (d)]. This is referred to as "automatic revalidation."

Is everyone eligible?

Not everyone is eligible for automatic revalidation. The following conditions must be met:

- 1. ...
2. ...

Under what conditions may I re-enter the U.S.?

The F-1/J-1 holder who has not applied for a U.S. visa and does the following:

Applies for re-admission (that is, return to the U.S. visa a land, air, or sea Port of Entry) to the U.S. after an absence of not more than 30 days in a contiguous territory, and

- 1. ...
2. Has maintained legal F-1/J-1 status and plans to continue doing so;
3. Presents a valid I-94 card which is not past its expiration date of return to the U.S. (an I-94 or DS-2019 ...
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What if I have been in the U.S. on a different type of visa than F-1 or J-1 but the visa stamp on my passport has expired? Can I still travel to contiguous territories?

A person who entered the U.S. in a classification other than F-1 or J-1, but whose status was later changed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Administration (USCIS) to F-1 or J-1, may also travel to contiguous territories. The instructions for this provision are at 22 CFR 41.112 (d). You must be sure to carry with you the confirmation card or card was issued by USCIS on Form I-Status Approval #797 (when was sent to you along with your I-94 card).

What if I have expired my passport while in the U.S.?

Citizens of countries that keep the old passport upon issuance of a new one are therefore at a disadvantage when traveling to contiguous territories. Citizens of countries that keep the old passport upon issuance of a new one are therefore at a disadvantage when traveling to contiguous territories.

What if I am traveling with my F-2/J-2 dependent whose visa has expired?

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