

Online I-94 Application Now Available for Travelers at Land Ports of Entry

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On Sept. 29, 2016, **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** announced that it has enhanced the [I-94 website](#) for travelers arriving to the United States at land ports of entry. Travelers now can apply and pay the \$6 fee for their I-94 card online up to seven days prior to their entry.



An I-94 form is needed by all persons except U.S. Citizens, returning resident aliens, aliens with immigrant visas, and most Canadian citizens visiting or in transit. Air and sea travelers will continue to be issued I-94 records during the admission process at the port of entry. However, for those travelers seeking admission to the United States at a land port of entry, taking advantage of this new enhancement will quicken and simplify the admission process.

The application requires travelers to submit their biographic and travel information; in return, they will receive a provisional I-94 card after submitting the application and payment of the fee online. The application collects the information that would otherwise be collected during the in-person inspection at the land port of entry, including name, date of birth, country of citizenship, passport details, visa details (if applicable), and petition/SEVIS number (if applicable). To finalize the I-94 issuance process and admission, the traveler must present him or herself at the land port of entry within seven (7) days of the application, submit biometrics, and be inspected by a CBP officer. Travelers always should be prepared to show evidence of their residence, employment and/or travel plans to the

inspecting CBP officer, depending on the category of nonimmigrant admission being sought.

CBP expects for the new online I-94 application process to increase efficiencies during inspection and admission, decrease paper usage, and streamline the process at the land border, thereby reducing operating costs. The secure website is easy to use and payment can be made via credit card, debit card, direct debit, or through PayPal.

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