

Broadcast Message: Changes to Form I-94, “Arrival/Departure Record,” Numbering Format

To: All SEVIS Users

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Re: Changes to the Form I-94, “Arrival/Departure Record,” Numbering Format

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General Information

The Form I-94, “Arrival/Departure Record,” is a Department of Homeland Security document issued to nonimmigrant aliens at the time of lawful entry into the United States at an air or sea port of entry. The Form I-94 is evidence of a nonimmigrant’s term of admission and used to document legal status in the United States, including length of stay and departure.

Beginning in May 2019, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is switching from a numeric to an alphanumeric I-94 character format. Form I-94 identifiers currently consist of 11 numerical digits (9-digit sequence + 2-digit series). Once the change is implemented, I-94 identifiers will remain at 11 characters, but will follow the format of nine (9) digits followed by a letter in the tenth (10th) position and a digit in the 11th position (9-digit sequence + 1 letter + 1 digit).

CBP is making this change to minimize program impact resulting from the depletion of numeric-only I-94 identifiers and to create a long-term solution for the creation of new identifiers. This change will not impact SEVIS functions; however, school officials should be aware of the change as it will appear on new students’ Forms I-94. Unexpired Forms I-94 issued in the current numeric-only format will continue to be valid until the Admit Until Date printed on the paper Form I-94 and/or the date displayed on the public Form I-94 website.

See the attached Form I-94 Change Fact Sheet for an example of the new alphanumeric format. You can also visit [CBP’s website](#) for additional information about the changes, as well as contact information for questions or support.

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