

Travel Information / Risks

International Travel

- You can only schedule a visa appointment at a US Embassy / Consulate in your home country.
- Visa interview appointments can be severely backlogged
- Most visa applicants will go into “Administrative Processing (a security check) for social media vetting
- There is the possibility that you schedule a visa appointment, depart the US and then find your visa appointment has been cancelled
- Upon reentry into the US, Customs and Border Protection may shorten your “Admit Until Date on the I-94 due to your passport expiration date



Send a copy of your I-94 through secure email to Gabby Pavlakis (J Exchange Visitors) or Sharon Loughran (H-1B, TN, O-1, E-3) every time you reenter the US

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<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/home>

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Domestic Travel

Reports from various immigration attorneys and the media indicate that a growing number of foreign nationals have been detained by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at U.S. airports while traveling between states, even if they had pending applications and were in a period of authorized stay.



Their underlying nonimmigrant status has expired, but they may have timely filed an application for adjustment of status, asylum, or an extension of status request. Some of those detained had no criminal history and held valid work authorization or advance parole documents at the time.

Anyone whose underlying nonimmigrant status has already expired and who is relying on a pending application, even with valid work authorization or advance parole in hand, should understand that domestic air travel currently carries a documented detention risk. Individuals relying on a pending application should weigh whether domestic travel is necessary until more information is available about the scope and drivers of this enforcement trend. This is distinct from international travel risk, which involves separate considerations relating to advance parole, visa validity, and US Customs and Border Protection review at reentry.

- **Postpone Non-Essential Flights.** Impacted Employees should postpone non-essential flights until they have documentation showing valid visa status if possible
- **Carry Proper Evidence.** Employees in valid status should carry proper printed or original evidence of valid visa status. If air travel is unavoidable, Impacted Employees should carry immigration evidence including USCIS approval/receipt notices, I-94 printouts, EAD, AP/travel documents. It is not sufficient to have evidence on your phone or laptop; any documentation should either be original or printed
- **Consult Legal Counsel.** Schedule a consultation with an immigration attorney who can help review your individual situation, evaluate risk, determine appropriate documentation, and determine whether there are options to mitigate risk