

Automatic Visa Revalidation

Re-entering the U.S. with an expired visa after a visit to
Canada, Mexico and adjacent Islands

Automatic visa revalidation allows most F-1 and J-1 students to return to the U.S from **Canada, Mexico, or one of the Caribbean islands adjacent to the United States** with an expired U.S. F-1 or J-1 Visa.

You may be eligible for Automatic Visa Revalidation only if you:

1. have a **valid SEVIS Form I-20 or DS-2019** with **travel signature**
2. have a **valid unexpired Form I-94** (card or electronic printout)
3. have a **valid passport**
4. return from a visit of **less than 30 days** to Canada, Mexico, or one of the islands adjacent to the United States.

*However, if you meet any one of following criteria, you **will not** be able to automatically revalidate your visa.*

- You applied for a **new visa** and it has not been issued
- You applied for a **new visa** and were denied
- You have a **terminated SEVIS record** indicating that you are out of Status
- You have been out the U.S. for **more than 30 days**
- You are a **citizen** of the following countries: **Iran, Sudan, Syria**

“Adjacent Islands” include:

- Cuba
- Saint Pierre
- Miquelon
- The Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Bermuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Jamaica
- The Windward and Leeward Islands
- Trinidad
- Martinique
- Other British, French, Netherlands territory or possessions in or bordering on the Caribbean Sea

You are eligible to visit **Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands** with your expired U.S. visa. But you will need a valid SEVIS Form I-20 & DS-2019 and a valid unexpired Form I-94. Be sure that you do not have a terminated SEVIS record indicating that you are out of status.

Additional Information can be found on the Department of Homeland security website:

<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel>