Is Your I-20 Ready for Travel?

There are four items we look for on your I-20 to know if it is ready for travel:

1. **I-20 is listed for “Continued attendance at this school.”**
   a. Page one of your I-20
   i. Number 3
2. **You will return to the United States before the stated program completion date**
   a. Page one of your I-20
   i. Number 5
3. **Your I-20 has been signed and dated by an SUU Designated School Official (DSO)**
   a. Page 3 of your I-20
   i. Bottom of the page
4. **The date of the DSO signature is less than one year old.**
   a. Page 3 of your I-20
   i. Bottom of the page

*The following pages will show you where to look for each of these items.*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

What do I do if my I-20 says “For initial attendance at this school”?

- You will need to receive a new I-20

What if my completion date is passed, or will be passed before I return to the United States?

- You will need to meet with a DSO in order to have your program extended.

What if my third page has not been signed?

- You will need to meet with a DSO to have your third page signed.

What if the date next to the signature is more than a year old?

- You will need to meet with a DSO to have a new signature added to your third page. This new signature will be good for one year from the date signed.

For more information about traveling with your I-20, please read the instructions on your second page titled: “Reentry.”

Also remember to take ALL of your immigration documents with you when you travel. This includes: I-94, Visa, Passport, and your I-20.
U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status - For Academic and Language Student (OMB No. 1653-0038)

Please read instructions on Page 2
This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

1. Family Name (surname):
First (given) Name: 
Middle Name: 
Country of birth: 
Date of birth (mm/dd/yy): 
Country of citizenship: 
Admission number: 

2. School (School district) name:
School Official to be notified of student’s arrival in U.S. (Name and Title):
School address (include zip code):
School code (including 3-digit suffix, if any) and approval date:

This certificate is issued to the student named above for:

Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States:

The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, having submitted such information as the student’s school, majoring in ________, and completing studies not later than ________, the normal period of study is ________ months.

English proficiency:

This school estimates the student’s average costs for an academic term of ________ (up to 12) months to be:
a. Tuition and fees $ 
b. Living expenses $ 
c. Expenses of dependents (0) $ 
d. Other (specify): $ 
Total $ 

School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided in items 1 through 9 was completed before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States for review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school, the student’s application, transcript, or other records of collection and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The student has determined that the above named student’s qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school. The student will be required to pursue a course of study defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated official of the above named school and authorized to issue this form.

Name of School Official: 
Designated School Official: 
Title: 
Date Issued: 
Place Issued (city and state): 

11. Student Certification: I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, solely for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine any nonimmigrant status.

Name of Student: 
Signature of Student: 
Date: 

Name of parent or guardian: 
Signature of parent or guardian: 
Address (city) (State or Province) (Country) (Date)

If student under 18: 
Signature of parent or guardian: 

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For Official Use Only
Authority for collecting the information on this and related student forms is contained in 8 U.S.C. 1101 and 1184. The information solicited will be used by the Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine eligibility for the benefits requested.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIALS

1. The law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact or using any false document in the submission of this form. Designated school officials shall consult regulations pertaining to the issuance of Form I-20-A-B at 8 CFR 214.3(b) before completing this form. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in the withdrawal of the school approval for attendance by foreign students by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (8 CFR 214.4).

2. ISSUANCE OF FORM I-20-A-B. Designated school officials may issue a Form I-20-A-B to a student who falls into one of the following categories: if the student has been accepted for full-time attendance at the institution; a prospective F-1 nonimmigrant student; a transfer student; an F-1 student attending a higher educational level at the same institution; an out of status student seeking reinstatement. The form may also be issued to the dependent spouse or child of an F-1 student for secure entry into the United States.

When issuing a Form I-20-A-B, designated school officials should complete the student's admission number whenever possible to ensure proper data entry and record keeping.

3. ENFORCEMENT OF PAGE 1 FOR REENTRY. Designated school officials may endorse page 2 of the Form I-20-A-B for reentry if the student and/or the F-2 dependent is to leave the United States temporarily. This should be done only when the information on the Form I-20 remains unchanged. If there have been substantial changes in items 5, 6, 7, or 8, a new Form I-20-A-B should be issued.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT. Designated school officials shall always forward the top page of the form I-20-A-B to the INS data processing center at P.O. Box 140, London, Kentucky 40741 for data entry when the form is issued to an F-1 student for initial entry or reentry into the United States, or for reinstatement to student status. (Requests for reinstatement should be sent to the Immigration and Naturalization Service's student temporary residence in this country.)

The INS data processing center will return this top page to the issuing school for disposal after data entry and microfilming.

5. CERTIFICATION. Designated school officials shall sign the bottom part of page 1 of this form that the Form I-20-A-B is complete in accordance with the pertinent regulations. The designated school official should remove the carbon sheet from the completed and signed Form I-20-A-B before forwarding it to the student.

6. ADMISSION RECORDS. Since the Immigration and Naturalization Service may request information concerning a student's immigration status for various reasons, designated school officials should maintain all evidence which shows the scholastic ability and facility of the student, which was used, when the student was first admitted, for continuation or termination of studies to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. 10. You should read everything on this page carefully and be sure that you understand the terms and conditions concerning your admission and stay in the United States. A nonimmigrant student before you sign the student certification section of page 1.

The law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

2. ADMITTANCE. A nonimmigrant student may be admitted for duration of status. This means that you are authorized to stay in the United States for the entire length of time during which you are enrolled as a full-time student in an educational program and any period of authorized practical training plus sixty days. While in the United States, you must maintain a valid foreign passport unless you are exempt from passport requirements.

You may continue from one educational level to another, such as graduating from high school to a bachelor's program or a bachelor's program to a master's program, etc., simply by invoking the procedures for school transfers.

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IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR F-1 NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT STATUS AND THE RELATING IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER YOUR FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISOR ON CAMPUS OR A NEARBY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE.

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________ FIRST NAME: ____________________________

Primary Major: ____________________________

Student Employment Authorization: ____________________________

Employment Status: ____________________________

Duration of Employment - From (Date): ____________________________

To (Date): ____________________________

Employer Name: ____________________________

Employer Location: ____________________________

Comments: ____________________________

Event History
Event Name: ____________________________

Event Date: ____________________________

Current Authorizations: ____________________________

Start Date: ____________________________

End Date: ____________________________

This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.

Name of School: ____________________________

Name of School Official: ____________________________

Signature of Designated School Official: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________

Date Issued: ____________________________

Place Issued (city and state): ____________________________

Name of School Official: ____________________________

Signature of Designated School Official: ____________________________

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