



**Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates**

## **J-1 Initial Validations**

Arrival and Reporting of Initial J-1 Physicians



# What is Validation of Initial Arrival?

- ECFMG, as J-1 program sponsor, must:
  - notify the U.S. Department of State (DoS) of the arrival of all newly-sponsored J-1 exchange visitors
  - confirm each J-1's arrival in SEVIS



Specific documents evidencing arrival in J-1 status are required before a SEVIS record can be validated

# Who Needs to be Validated?



All foreign national physicians who have *newly acquired* J-1 visa status **must be validated**



Foreign national physicians *continuing* under ECFMG sponsorship in the same or a different training program **do not require validation**

# Validation of Arrival

- Upon arrival to the training program, a J-1 physician must provide the TPL with evidence of J-1 visa status

## Evidence of J-1 status includes copies of:

- J-1 visa stamp in passport issued by U.S. Consulate, unless a Canadian citizen
- J-1; D/S (Duration of Status) on I-94 card

# Visa and Visa Status

**Visa:** The physical stamp affixed to a passport page that permits a foreign national to enter the United States in a specific visa classification

- May only be obtained at U.S. consulates outside of the U.S.
- Only required if applicant is physically outside U.S. and wishes to reenter
- The expiration of the “visa” in a passport will not affect a physician if he or she is maintaining J-1 visa status in the United States



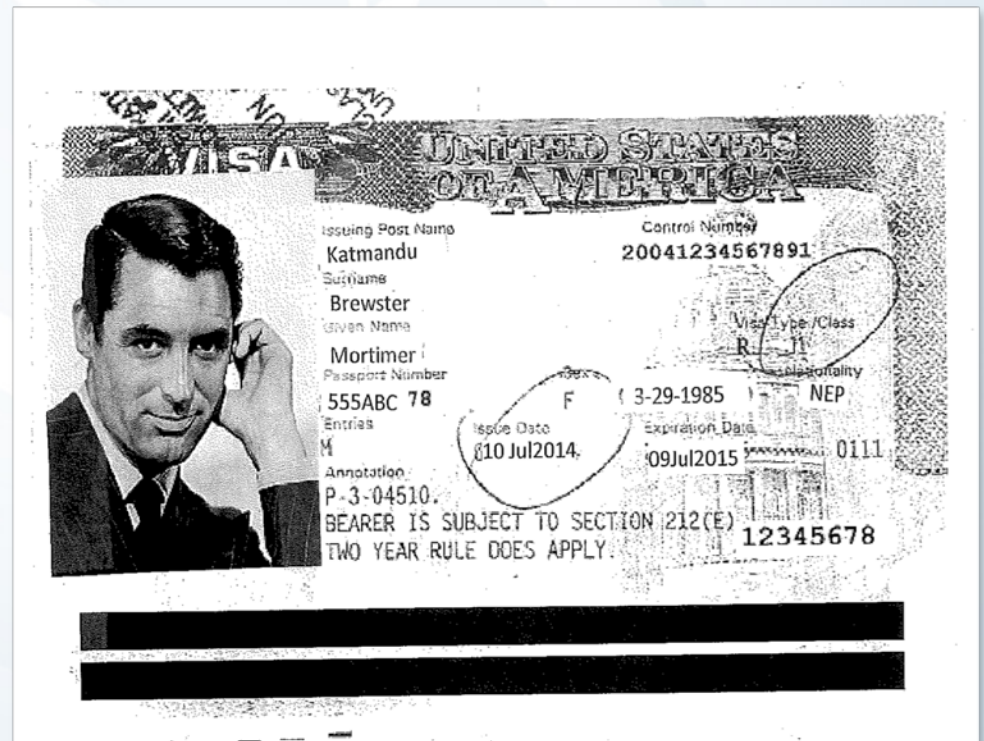
Visas are not required of Canadian citizens entering the U.S. with a Canadian passport

# Visa Stamp Issued by U.S. Consulate

**\*Entry Document Only\***

## Confirms

- Visa type/class
- Number of entries
  - Single or multiple
- Issue date
- Expiration date for entry
  - May expire while in the U.S.



# Visa and Visa Status

**Visa Status:** The legal condition or manner under which a foreign national is present in the United States

- Determines an individual's purpose for being in the U.S. and the objectives he or she is authorized to pursue while in the U.S., such as training, studying, or working
- Reflected on Form I-94 (Entry/Departure Record) which is issued at the U.S. port-of-entry to every entering nonimmigrant
- ECFMG sponsored physicians Form I-94 should always reflect "J-1" status with the notation of "D/S," (Duration of Status.)



# I-94 Arrival/Departure Record

Upon arrival to air and sea ports of entry to the U.S., foreign visitors are no longer issued paper I-94 cards

However:

- Stamp is still placed in the passport
- Land ports of entry will still issue paper I-94 cards



Electronic arrival/departure record can be obtained at [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94)



# Automated I-94 Example

Most Recent I-94

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**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**  
*Securing America's Borders*

OMB No. 1651-0111  
Expiration Date: 11/30/2014

## Most Recent I-94

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Admission (I-94) Record Number: 10101010101

Most Recent Date of Entry: 7/10/2014

Class of Admission: J1

Admit Until Date: D/S

Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname: Brewster

First (Given) Name: Mortimer

Birth Date: 1985 March 29

Passport Number: 555ABC

Country of Issuance: Nepal

[Get Travel History](#)

▶ Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR 6.14(d).

# Paper Form I-94

Departure Number

**12345678912**

U.S. IMMIGRATION  
PHI 7071  
ADMITTED

040

Immigration and  
Naturalization Service

I-94  
Departure Record

JUN 05 2004

CLASS  
UNTIL

9/5

14. Family Name  
**F I S H E R**

15. First (Given) Name  
**M I C H E L L E**

Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr)  
**010180**

Country of Citizenship  
**L I T H U A N I A**

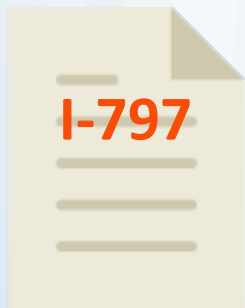
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# Exceptions to Visa Issuance



Citizens of Canada are not required to have a U.S. Consulate visa stamp



J-1 exchange visitors who change status within the U.S. through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will have a Form I-797, “Notice of Action” (not a J-1 visa stamp in passport)

# Form I-797

## Approval Notice (CoS to J-1)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Notice of Action



RECEIPT NUMBER <b>EAC-01-234-56789</b>		CLASS TYPE I539	
RECEIPT DATE May 28, 2004		PRIORITY DATE	
NOTICE DATE August 27, 2004		PAGE 1 of 1	
		APPLICANT FISHER, MICHELLE	
		BENEFICIARY FISHER, MICHELLE	
		Notice Type: Approval Notice Class: J1 Valid from 08/27/2004 Valid for Duration of Status	
<p>The above application for change of nonimmigrant status is approved. The new status is listed above. The length of authorized temporary stay in this status for the named applicant(s) is also listed above. A copy of Form I-94 issued by the sponsor has also been notated to show the present status of the exchange visitor and the new authorized period of stay. Each applicant must turn in his or her Form I-94 when leaving the United States.</p> <p>If any person included in this application must depart the U.S., he or she may wish to take this notice with them to facilitate their return to this status. He or she must obtain a new visa in the classification before returning to the U.S.</p> <p>The information submitted with this application indicates that the exchange problem involves graduate medical training or education. As a result, the applicant is subject to the 1-year foreign residency requirement of section 212(e) of Immigration and Nationality Act.</p> <p>THIS FORM IS NOT A VISA NOR MAY IT BE USED IN PLACE OF A VISA.</p>			

Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.  
 IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE  
 VERMONT SERVICE CENTER  
 75 LOWER WELDEN STREET  
 SAINT ALBANS VT 05479-0001  
 Customer Service Telephone: (800) 375-5283  
 Form I797A (Rev. 09/07/93)N

PLEASE TEAR OFF FORM I-94 PRINTED BELOW, AND STAPLE TO ORIGINAL I-94 IF AVAILABLE

Detach This Half for Personal Records  
 Receipt # **EAC-01-234-56789**  
 I-94# **12345678900**  
 NAME FISHER, MICHELLE  
 CLASS J1  
 VALID FROM 08/27/2004  
 Valid for Duration of Status  
 PETITIONER: MICHELLE FISHER  
 3624 MARKET STREET  
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19104

**12345678900**  
 Receipt Number **EAC-01-234-56789**  
 Immigration and  
 Naturalization Service  
 I-94  
 Departure Record      Petitioner:

14. Family Name FISHER	15. Date of Birth 01-01-1980
16. First (Given) Name MICHELLE	
17. Country of Origin LEBANON	

# What to Upload for SEVIS Validation

## 1. Completed and program-signed *Initial Validation* form



<https://www.ecfm.org/evsp/arrival.pdf>

## 2. Copy of I-94 Arrival / Departure Record

- Physician must print copy



[www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94)

- J-1s entering by land port of entry will be issued paper I-94 card

## 3. Copy of I-797 (for change of status applicants only)

## 4. Copy of J-1 Visa

- n/a for Canadian citizens or change of status applicants

Documents must be uploaded to EVNet (TPL) or OASIS (J-1 Physician)

# EVNet Search for Validated/Non-Validated Physicians

The screenshot displays the ECFMG EVNet search interface. At the top, the ECFMG logo and contact information are visible: "EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES", "EVNet Exchange Visitor Network", Phone (215) 823-2121, Fax (215) 386-9766, and hours M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the U.S. The user is logged in as "Ann Dohn". The main search area is titled "Search for applicants/physicians at your programs/institutions". It features a search form with two input fields: "USMLE/ECFMG ID" and "Last Name", and a "Search" button. Below the input fields are two radio button options: "Validated Physicians" and "Non Validated Physicians". Two red arrows point to these radio buttons. There is also a "Clear" button. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: "My Programs/Institutions", "Search", "Account Maintenance", "EVSP", "CVS ON-LINE", "Resources", and "Logout". At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: "© Registered in the Patent and Trademark Office. Copyright © 2011-2012 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. All rights reserved. Terms and Conditions of Use | Privacy Policy".



# Validations

Exchange Visitor Network

Home > Search

Welcome Anthony Fisher

My Programs/Institutions

- Search
- Account Maintenance
- EVSP
- CVS ON-LINE
- Resources
- Logout

Search for applicants/physicians at your programs/institutions

USMLE/ECFMG ID  Last Name

Pending appointment profiles  Currently sponsored

Validated Physicians

Viewing Options

Records per page :

1 Total Records

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Name	USMLE/ ECFMG ID	Sponsorship End Date	Specialty	Validation Date
<a href="#">Rockets, Houston</a>	0-812-419-0	06/30/2014	PEDIATRICS	03/28/2014

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# Non-Validated Physicians

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ECFMG EVNet website. The page header includes the ECFMG logo and contact information: "EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES", "EVNet Exchange Visitor Network", and phone/fax numbers. A navigation menu on the left lists "My Programs/Institutions", "Search", "Account Maintenance", "EVSP", "CVS ON-LINE", "Resources", and "Logout". The main content area is titled "Welcome Ann Dohn" and "Search for applicants/physicians at your programs/institutions". It features search filters for "USMLE/ECFMG ID", "Last Name", "Pending appointment profiles", "Currently sponsored", "Validated Physicians", and "Non Validated Physicians" (which is selected). A "Viewing Options" section shows "Records per page" set to 10. Below the filters, it indicates "13 Total Records" and "Page 1 of 2". An "Export to Excel" link is present. A table lists 13 records with columns for Name, USMLE/ECFMG ID, Sponsorship Start Date, Sponsorship End Date, and Specialty. A "Next" button is located below the table.

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Home > Search

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Export to Excel

Name	USMLE/ECFMG ID	Sponsorship Start Date	Sponsorship End Date	Specialty
<a href="#">Azoulay, Melissa Inorid</a>	4-087-184-0	02/23/2015	02/16/2016	RADIATION ONCOLOGY
<a href="#">Bav, Graham Harrison</a>	0-943-133-9	07/01/2014	06/30/2015	RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC
<a href="#">Cheng, Ho Man</a>	4-103-349-9	07/01/2015	06/30/2016	PLASTIC SURGERY
<a href="#">Chu, Michael Patvin</a>	4-093-010-9	09/29/2014	09/28/2015	INTERNAL MEDICINE
<a href="#">Co, Steven John</a>	4-097-370-3	07/01/2015	06/30/2016	RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC
<a href="#">Hanneman, Katherine Alison</a>	4-093-484-6	07/01/2014	06/30/2015	RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC
<a href="#">Jivraj, Khalil</a>	0-969-107-2	07/01/2015	06/30/2016	RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC
<a href="#">Khosla, Amit</a>	4-100-561-2	07/01/2015	06/30/2016	INTERNAL MEDICINE
<a href="#">Knowlton, Lisa Marie</a>	4-086-169-2	07/01/2014	06/30/2015	GENERAL SURGERY
<a href="#">Mahaftay, Ryan Howard Philip</a>	4-121-248-1	07/01/2014	06/30/2015	ANESTHESIOLOGY

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# Initial Applicants Facing Delays



## Communicate with EVSP!

- Is the contract still valid?
- Program willing to wait? If so, how long?
  - Visa delayed or denied?

# Delays in Start Date

J-1s *must* start training within 30 days of arrival to the U.S.



- Communication with Program Coordinators & Program Directors
  - When and why to notify the TPL

# Applying for a SS Number

- **Before applying for a SSN J-1 physicians must:**
  1. Wait 10 days after the U.S. in J-1 status (or approval to J-1 status by USCIS); AND
  2. Confirm Validation by ECFMG of the SEVIS record



Applying for a SSN prior to SEVIS validation may cause significant delays in issuance of the SSN

- J-1 applicants receive this info in the “Welcome Letter” via email from ECFMG after initial DS-2019 form is issued

# Travel Outside the U.S.

- **EVSP Travel Information**



<https://www.ecfm.org/evsp/applicants-current-travel.html>

- **Request for Duplicate Form DS-2019**



<https://www.ecfm.org/evsp/ds2019dup.pdf>

- **Re-entry to the U.S. as a J-1 requires:**

- Travel validated DS-2019 Form
- J-1 visa in passport as issued by U.S. Consulate\*

\* Except for Canadian citizens



# Questions?



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