

Maintaining J-1 Status

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As an J-1 student you were admitted to the U.S. for 'duration-status' (D/S is found on the white I-94 card in your passport). This means you are permitted to stay in the U.S for as long as you maintain your status by fulfilling the requirements of being a J-1 Student. Keep in mind that there is an important difference between an J-1 visa and J-1 status. The visa is a stamp or sticker placed in your passport by a U.S. embassy or consulate and is granted for *entry purposes only*. J-1 status is granted when you enter the U.S. and is regulated by the Department of State [DOS]. **Even if your visa is valid, you can lose your legal J-1 student status if you do not continue to comply with immigration laws regulating your stay in the U.S.** Keeping the following regulations is extremely important. Penalties for voiding student regulations vary from (1) applying for reinstatement, (2) voluntarily leaving the U.S., (3) deportation.

Overview of Government Regulations You Must Follow in Order to Maintain Your Legal Status

1. Maintain a valid passport at all times, unless exempt from passport requirements.
Do you understand this rule? Yes_____ No_____
2. Report to the Responsible Officer or the Alternate Responsible Officer of the exchange visitor program enough time in advance to have program participation validated no later than 30 days after program start date.
Do you understand this rule? Yes_____ No_____
3. Exchange visitors are at all times expected to maintain:
 - Valid DS-2019
 - Valid passport
 - I-94 marked "D/S"*Do you understand this rule? Yes_____ No_____*
4. D/S stands for "duration of status" and refers to the program period listed at item 3 on form DS-2019, "plus a period of 30 days for the purpose of travel..."
Do you understand this rule? Yes_____ No_____
5. Each category has a definition and expectations for the activities of the exchange visitor, which must be met. For example, a student is expected to carry a full-time course study, a researcher or professor is here to perform research or teach.
Do you understand this rule? Yes_____ No_____

6. Unauthorized employment is a violation J program status. An exchange visitor's participation is subject to termination when he or she engages in unauthorized employment.
Do you understand this rule? Yes____ No____
7. Every J-1 exchange visitor and J-2 dependent is required to obtain health insurance from Barry University. This insurance must be maintained throughout the entire period of program participation.
Do you understand this rule? Yes____ No____
8. All J1 students must report changes in address, telephone number and change of majors within 10 days of the change. J exchange visitors comply with this requirement by notifying the RO/ARO of the address change. The RO/ARO then in turn updates the visitor's SEVIS record with the new address.
Do you understand this rule? Yes____ No____

"I have read the above statements about maintaining my J-status in the U.S. and realize that it is my responsibility to understand and follow the regulations pertaining to my legal status in the U.S."

Name [print please] _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Local Address _____

