



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

I-94 Automation

FACT SHEET

Will CBP still issue a paper Form I-94 once the automation begins?

No. Rather than distributing a paper Form I-94, CBP will scan a traveler's passport, generating an electronic arrival record with data elements found on the current paper Form I-94. CBP will make the electronic I-94 available at www.cbp.gov/I94. Travelers may visit this website to print their electronic I-94 number before applying for immigration or public benefits, such as a driver's license or a social security number.

Since automation only affects air and sea arrivals, a paper Form I-94 is still used at the land border ports of entry. Also, CBP intends to continue to provide a paper Form I-94 to certain classes of aliens, such as certain asylees and parolees, and whenever CBP determines the issuance of a paper form is appropriate. As of Sept. 7, 2015, CBP streamlined the refugee admission process. Refugee Form I-94s are now processed electronically and can be accessed on the CBP website if issued after this date.

As of September 7, 2015, what if a traveler does not have a foreign passport for CBP to stamp?

Individuals without a foreign passport will be sent to CBP's secondary inspection upon arrival into the U.S., where they will receive their electronic I-94 number. These individuals will be issued a paper I-94 with the preprinted number crossed out, and the actual electronic I-94 number handwritten upon it.

Employers and agencies can expect asylees, parolees and others who do not have any other travel document to have these I-94s. As of Sept. 7, 2015, employers and agencies can expect refugees who entered after this date to present an electronic printout.

As of September 7, 2015, what should a traveler do if he or she was admitted incorrectly to the U.S.?

If an applicant was admitted incorrectly to the U.S., the applicant should visit a local CBP deferred

inspection site or port of entry to have his or her admission corrected. A list of deferred inspection sites and ports of entry can be found at www.cbp.gov, under the "Ports" link at the bottom of the page.

If an applicant received an incorrect I-94 from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the applicant should refer to Form I-102 available at www.uscis.gov/forms.

Will the process help expedite passenger processing time?

The I-94 automation will expedite passenger processing. CBP automated the I-94W process in 2010, which independent studies show has resulted in an approximate 20-second time savings per passenger. CBP estimates that I-94 automation will result in similar time savings.

What is the I-94 website (www.cbp.gov/I94)?

Travelers may visit www.cbp.gov/I94 to retrieve their electronic I-94 number. Upon entering the U.S., travelers will receive a paper with instructions on how to access the website. ■

