

Automatic Visa Renewal (AVR)

Department of State (DOS) regulations permit certain non-immigrants including F and J nonimmigrants who travel for *less than 30 days to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands* (other than Cuba) to re-enter the United States without having to obtain a new visa prior to re-entry.

The visas of such persons are considered “extended” to the date of re-entry, eliminating the need to obtain a new visa before that re-entry to the United States.

- This is called Automatic Visa Revalidation (AVR) or automatic extension of validity at ports of entry.

The benefit also extends to those nonimmigrants who have changed their nonimmigrant status in the U.S. and whose visa is still in the category in which they entered the U.S. and who have not yet obtained visas for their current status.

Not everyone is eligible for the Automatic Visa Revalidation (AVR) benefit. Please review the following resources carefully before attempting re-entry to the U.S. under AVR.

- [U.S. Department of State Automatic Visa Revalidation](#)
- [Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(F-1 Travel\)](#)
- [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about using the AVR benefit, email [ISSS](#) or join an [advising session](#) prior to travel.