

## **INFORMATION ON BORDER CROSSING REQUIREMENT FOR CANADIAN RESIDENT.**

This report contains 3 sections, first the information received from the United States Traveler Communications Center, then extract of an article published in the Soleil de la Floride news paper and then a French translation of the Traveler Communication Center reply. In addition, a copy of the i94 form is attach to this report, for your usage. Good Reading.

Director Michel Poirier questioned the CBP on the process and application to obtain an i94 either within 7 days prior to your planned entrance in the United States if by land and see the answer if you enter by air or by boat. The Traveler Communications Center provided the following answer from his questions. Thanks to Michel for his work on this, he did also find an article on the Journal de la Floride, which you can find how to find that article at the end of this memo.

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. *“Thank you for contacting the Traveler Communications Center.*

If you are inquiring about what the document requirement is for entering the US, unfortunately, your question cannot be answered by our office. Please contact the CBP Info Center at (202) 325-8000, where staff will be able to better assist you

If you are inquiring about the online I-94, please see below.

A Form I-94 is needed by all visitors except U.S. Citizens, returning resident aliens, aliens with immigrant visas, and most Canadian citizens visiting or in transit, **(if less than 30 days from day of entry to date of leaving the US)**. If you are not sure whether you are required for the i94 or not, please contact the port of entry. Travelers will be issued an I-94 during the admission process at the port of entry. If you are traveling via a land border or by ferry from selected ports, you may apply for a provisional I-94 in advance, saving time while at the port of entry later.

If you are entering at a port of entry on a land border within the next seven days, you can apply and pay for your I-94 online using this website or the CBP One™ mobile application to help expedite the issuance process. Travelers entering via an airport or seaport of entry do not need to apply for an I-94 from this website. *Please be aware that the I-94 you obtain online is provisional and just the first step in completing the I-94 application.* To obtain the final, legal-for-travel Form I-94, you will need to appear at a port of entry to complete the final steps in person.

To complete your I-94 application, you will need to do the following:

Appear at a port of entry within seven days. If you do not appear within seven days or are not issued an I-94 for any reason, the provisional I-94 will expire, and you will be required to begin the I-94 process again, there are no refunds.

Submit your biometrics (fingerprint or facial scan, if required) at the port of entry and complete an interview.

Be prepared to show evidence of your residence, employment and/or travel plans, if asked by the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer.

Receive an electronic I-94.

Travelers can print their own Form I-94 from this website using the ""Get Most Recent I-94"" query or by using the same option on the CBP One™ mobile app. This form documents your class of admission and admits until date. If someone requests your admission information, this is the form you would provide.

Retain this form for travel and present this to any government official, law enforcement officer, organization, institution, or employer that requests evidence of lawful admission. *(This mean always retain in your possession while sojourning in the US).*

If you do not appear at the border within seven days, your provisional I-94 will expire, and you will be required to reapply and pay the fee again. There are no refunds if the I-94 is not issued within the seven-day period.

If you cannot submit an online I-94 application, travelers can purchase an I-94 at the port of entry.

This office cannot discuss or provide advice on specific admission/inspection issues because the admission of all visitors to the United States is determined by the Customs and Border Protection Officers at the port of entry/border.

Regards,

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of DHS. DO NOT click links or open attachments unless you recognize and/or trust the sender.

You can visit the following site to obtain more information.

<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/help#Need-to-Learn-How-to-Apply-for-an-I-94-Web>

Thanks Andre Mongrain and Michel Poirier

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