

Print this out and provide to the Customs and Border Protection Agent at the Port of Entry into the United States

Business Visa versus Tourism Visa / I-94 Automation

If a traveler is on a Visitor Visa or ESTA the Department of Energy (DOE) requires B1/WB for any business conducted with Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

To increase efficiency, reduce operating costs, and streamline the admissions process, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has automated the Form I-94 at air, sea, and land ports of entry. The paper form is no longer provided to a traveler upon arrival except in limited circumstances. Travelers may be given a CBP admission stamp on their travel document. If a traveler needs a copy of his or her status or I-94 (record of admission) for verification of alien registration, immigration status, or employment authorization, one can be obtained from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov> or the CBP One™ mobile app.

IF the I-94 reflects either WT/B2 (which indicates “tourism”) the traveler will be unable to discuss business with the ORNL host until the issue is resolved. If this mistake is not realized until arriving at ORNL, the traveler will have to go to downtown Knoxville (if the office is open) or to Memphis to get it corrected. Due to this, **it is important the traveler double check the I-94 website prior to leaving THE PORT OF ENTRY into the United States.**

It is highly recommended the traveler utilize this website to check their status **PRIOR** to leaving the PORT OF ENTRY into the UNITED STATES: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>

Click:

GET MOST RECENT I-94

Next page opens – at the bottom click:

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE

Enter the traveler’s biographic information and click

NEXT >

If using a cell phone, the traveler can take a screen shot of the result, if using a laptop – save to it. Present it when arriving at the ORNL Visitors Center for badging.

For more information, please refer to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Fact Sheet: www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2021-Jul/I-94_Automation_Fact_Sheet_Jul2021.pdf

Thanks!