U.S. Customs and Border Protection

I-94 Number Switching to Alphanumeric

Currently, I-94 numbers are 11 digits long and only contain numbers. The 11 digits in an I-94 number are composed of the following elements:

• [9-digit sequence] + [2-digit series]

The two-digit series, from 01 to 99, is the group within which all possible combinations of numbers are used. Once all I-94 number combinations within a series are created, that series can no longer be used.

Beginning in May 2019, to minimize program impact resulting from the depletion of numeric-only I-94 numbers and to create a long-term solution for the creation of new numbers, CBP is switching to alphanumeric I-94s.

- I-94 numbers will remain at 11 characters but will follow the format of 9 digits followed by a two-character alphanumeric series, with a letter in the 10th position and a digit in the 11th position.
 - o [9-digit sequence] + [1 letter] + [1 digit]

I-94 Overview

Form I-94 is an arrival/departure record issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to foreign visitors to the United States. In May 2013, CBP automated Form I-94 for air and sea arrivals. If travelers need a copy of their I-94 record for verification of alien registration, immigration status, work authorization or any other benefit, the I-94 can be obtained and printed from www.cbp.gov/194.

An I-94 record printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission and should be treated by Department of Homeland Security components and other stakeholders in the same manner as a hard copy of an I-94.

All other elements of the I-94 remain unchanged.

Example of Numeric and Alphanumeric I-94 Numbers

