

TRAVEL GUIDE FOR EXTENSION TERM AU PAIRS

Extension Au Pairs Traveling to Canada, Mexico, and the Adjacent Islands:

Travel in the Extension term is limited to Canada, Mexico, and the adjacent islands (excluding Cuba), unless the au pair completes the J-1 renewal process in the home country. This is because the J-1 visa expires after the first year.

Travel to the countries named above on the expired J-1 visa is called automatic revalidation. Au pairs may travel on automatic revalidation to the destinations named above because they are contiguous territories to the U.S.

See reverse for information about travel to other destinations and the J-1 renewal process.

Before traveling au pairs must:

1. Check if they need a visa to enter any country to which they will travel by contacting the embassy of that country. Contact information for embassies is available at www.embassyinformation.com.
2. Gather and review the following documents:
 - **Passport.** Check that it is valid for at least six months beyond dates of trip.
 - **J-1 visa in the passport.** Check that it lists M under entries, for multiple entries. It may be expired.
 - **I-94 record.** Check that it reflects legal entry in the U.S. on the J-1 visa. The I-94 record may be printed at: www.cbp.gov/I94.
 - **DS-2019 form.** Check box three to ensure it is valid for at least two months beyond dates of trip and read below to see if the form needs to be validated for travel.

Au pairs missing any of these documents will likely be denied re-entry to the U.S.

Au pairs traveling by cruise may be required by the cruise line to have their DS-2019 form validated for travel by Cultural Care Au Pair prior to travel. To have the DS-2019 form validated for travel, mail it to the address below with a note stating the dates and destinations of travel. Send to: **Cultural Care Au Pair, Attn. Travel Validation, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA 02141.**

Restrictions:

- Au pairs may travel only to the destinations named above for fewer than 30 days.
- Au pairs may not use automatic revalidation to travel through a contiguous territory to another country and back. For example, they may not enter Canada, depart to another country, return to Canada, then return to the U.S.
- Au pairs may not apply to renew the J-1 visa while in Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean.
- Citizens of Syria, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, North Korea, Cuba, or Libya are not eligible for automatic revalidation. Nationals from these countries must always have a valid visa in their passport to enter the U.S.

Extension au pairs traveling home at the end of the first year

Cultural Care Au Pair recommends that all au pairs returning home in the last 30 days of the dates of the J-1 visa in their passport complete the J-1 visa renewal process before returning to the U.S. Even if the visa dates in the passport are still valid, airlines may deny boarding to anyone whose visa is close to expiring. See reverse for information on how to renew the J-1 visa.

Au pairs traveling outside the U.S. in the last 30 days of their first year are encouraged to obtain a new DS-2019 form reflecting their extension program dates prior to travel. Please contact Cultural Care Au Pair to confirm when the extension term DS-2019 form will be available.

Extension Au Pairs Traveling Beyond Canada, Mexico, and the Adjacent Islands

Before travel au pairs must:

- Arrange to renew the J-1 visa through the U.S. embassy in their home country before returning to the U.S. Au pairs who do not renew the J-1 visa will not be allowed to return to the U.S. to complete their program.
- Check if they need a visa to enter any country to which they will travel by contacting the embassy of that country. Contact information for embassies is available at www.embassyinformation.com.
- Have their extension term DS-2019 form validated for travel by Cultural Care.*

If the extension term J-1 visa is approved, there will be few restrictions on extension term travel. Au pairs are permitted to travel outside the US for no more than 30 days at a time.

Contact the U.S. Embassy to renew the J-1 visa:

- Au pairs must contact the U.S. embassy at least six to eight weeks before traveling home to make a visa appointment. It may take six to eight weeks to obtain an appointment at U.S. embassies. Contact information for U.S. embassies abroad can be found at www.usembassy.state.gov.
- Some countries allow visa renewal by mail rather than requiring an in-person interview. Au pairs should visit the U.S. Embassy website for their home country to learn whether they are eligible to renew their J-1 visa by mail. Au pairs must still be present in their home country to renew the J-1 visa by mail.

Cultural Care Au Pair cannot book appointments at the U.S. embassy on the au pair's behalf, and has no ability to affect the scheduling of appointments there.

Documentation to renew the J-1 Visa:

To renew the J-1 visa, an extension au pair must submit these documents to the U.S. embassy in the home country:

- Passport.
- Original DS-2019 reflecting the extension term dates, validated by Cultural Care for international travel.
- Original proof of payment for \$35 SEVIS fee (can be reprinted at www.fmjfee.com)
- Letter of good standing from Cultural Care (provided by Cultural Care when DS-2019 is validated for travel).
- U.S. Department of State regulations regarding the second year extension program (provided by Cultural Care when DS-2019 is validated for travel).
- Confirmation page of completed DS-160 form. The DS-160 is available at: www.ceac.state.gov/genniv.
- Non-refundable fee of USD160. The fee is paid directly to the embassy and the au pair is responsible for this cost. This fee is set by the US Department of State and is subject to change.

Please Note: It is the au pairs' responsibility to inquire with the U.S. embassy in their home country to see if other forms are needed. It may be necessary to bring a copy of the host family application, school diplomas, or bank statements.

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Questions? Contact Cultural Care Au Pair Services at 1-800-333-6056 or aupair@culturalcare.com

The decision to allow an au pair back into the U.S. is at the discretion of the immigration officer at the port of entry. Cultural Care cannot guarantee re-entry into the U.S. Cultural Care Au Pair cannot guarantee the renewal of a J-1 visa. Although an au pair has been approved by the U.S. Department of State to participate in the extension program, the decision to renew the visa is at the discretion of the consular officer who interviews the au pair. Cultural Care is not responsible for any costs incurred by re-entry problems, visa denial, or visa delay, and host families could be subject to breaks in childcare due to au pair travel.