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Employers and refugees should be aware that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has automated Form I-94 processing for refugees. The stamped paper form will no longer be provided to a refugee upon arrival, except in limited circumstances. A refugee can obtain a copy of their I-94 (record of admission) from [Get I-94 Information](#) ^[2].

For Employers:

[Refugees](#) ^[3] are authorized to work because of their immigration status. Just as in the case of any employee, a refugee may choose to present any applicable document from the Lists of Acceptable Documents. DHS provides refugees electronic and paper Forms I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) that evidence their status and employment authorization (since they are employment authorized incident to status), as well as Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

The new electronic Form I-94 for refugees does not include an admission stamp but provides the class of admission as ?RE? and an admit until date as ?D/S.? If a refugee presents a Form I-94 computer-generated printout for Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification, the employer must accept it as a [receipt](#) ^[4] establishing both employment authorization and identity for 90 days. No later than at the end of the 90-day receipt period, the refugee must present an Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766) or a combination of a List B document and an unrestricted Social Security card.

For Refugees:

When completing Section 1 of Form I-9 with a computer-generated Form I-94, refugees should check ?alien authorized to work until? and may write ?N/A? in the space provided. Record the ?Admission (I-94) Record Number? from your Form I-94 printout as the ?Form I-94 Admission Number.? Next enter your foreign passport number and country of issuance in

the ?Foreign Passport Number? and ?Country of Issuance? spaces. If you entered the US without a foreign passport enter ?N/A? in these spaces of Section 1.

For more information about I-94 Automation, please visit this [webpage](#) [5].

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