

## What is an Arrival/Departure Record and do I need one?

The Arrival/Departure Record (I-94, I-95 or I-94W) is the document that is issued to you by a Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officer at the port of entry. This document contains your personal information but most important, it shows the date you arrived in the United States and it also shows the date until which you have been admitted. Consider your Arrival/Departure record as your temporary permit to remain in the U.S.

It is important that you surrender your Arrival/ Departure Record to the proper authorities on your departure. Returning your Arrival/Departure Records will serve as evidence that you have not violated U.S. laws by staying beyond the period of time which you were granted upon admission to the U.S.