

**Broadcast Message: DHS Posts Proposed Rule Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media**

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**General Information**

On Aug. 28, 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will publish a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register](#) titled “Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media,” which proposes to admit nonimmigrants in the F (academic student) and J (exchange visitor) categories for a fixed period of time instead of duration of status.

Under the proposed rule, F and J nonimmigrants will be given a date certain for admission to the United States based on the length of their program or length of assignment not to exceed four years for F and J nonimmigrants. Those unable to complete their program during this time will be able to apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for an extension of stay.

This rule is being proposed because admission for duration of status fails to afford immigration officers enough predetermined opportunities to directly verify that aliens granted such nonimmigrant statuses are engaging only in those activities their respective classifications authorize while they are in the United States. Fixed entry is utilized for other classifications and was utilized for F and J nonimmigrants previously.

DHS will accept public comments on the proposed rule from Aug. 28, 2025, until Sept. 27, 2025, and on the related information collections, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, until Oct. 27, 2025. Refer to the [Federal Register notice](#) for instructions about how to submit comments for DHS consideration. Following the public comment period, DHS will review all properly submitted comments and materials and may revise the rule based on public feedback.

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