AUTOMATIC VISA REVALIDATION

If you are traveling to Canada, Mexico, or one of the islands (other than Cuba) adjacent to the United States, you may return to the U.S. if your visa has expired.

You can usually revalidate an expired visa automatically when returning from a visit of thirty days or less to Canada, Mexico, or one of the islands adjacent to the United States (other than Cuba) provided that you have a valid SEVIS Form I-20 and a valid unexpired Form I-94. This process is known as automatic visa revalidation. [Reference 8 CRF 214.1(b)]

IMPORTANT: When you depart the United States, do not surrender your current Form I-94. You will need your current, valid, unexpired Form I-94 in order to re-enter the United States under automatic visa revalidation.

The adjacent islands are:
- Saint Pierre
- Miquelon
- The Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Bermuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Jamaica
- The Windward and Leeward Islands
- Trinidad
- Martinique
- Other British, French, and Netherlands territory or possessions in or bordering on the Caribbean Sea

*You may also travel to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands without a valid visa. However, you must have a valid I-20 and I-94.

If you meet any one of following criteria, you will not be able to automatically revalidate your visa:
- You applied for a new visa and it has not been issued.
- You applied for a new visa and were denied.
- You have a terminated SEVIS record indicating that you are out of status.
- You have been out of the United States for more than thirty days.
- You are a citizen of one of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, Syria.