



INFORMATION FOR FSM CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES

U.S. ALIEN REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS



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In [Executive Order 14159](#), U.S. President Trump directed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that “aliens” comply with their duty to register with the government per the INA.

The United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) has issued a fact page on the issue (available from the link in the box to the right). According to the USCIS:


The INA requires that, with limited exceptions, all aliens 14 years of age or older who were not registered and fingerprinted (if required) when applying for a U.S. visa and who remain in the United States for 30 days or longer, must apply for registration and fingerprinting. Similarly, parents and legal guardians of aliens below the age of 14 must ensure that those aliens are registered. Within 30 days of reaching his or her 14th birthday, all previously registered aliens must apply for re-registration and to be fingerprinted. Once an alien has registered and appeared for fingerprinting (unless waived), DHS will issue evidence of registration, which aliens over the age of 18 must carry and keep in their personal possession at all times.

This means the registration requirement is directed at two categories of individuals:

1. Individuals who are unregistered, and
2. Previously registered individuals who turned 14 years old since their last registration.

Category 1 does not apply to FSM citizens that entered the U.S. and were issued a Form I-94. “Aliens admitted to the United States as non-immigrants who were issued Form I-94” are already registered “even if the period of admission has expired.” (8 CFR section 264.1). This is also confirmed by the Alien Registration Requirement (ARR) Determination Tool available at this link. As a result, the vast majority of

FSM citizens would **not** need to register (assuming they have a valid I-94).

However, **Category 2 may apply to FSM citizens that entered the U.S. before they turned 14 and have since turned 14 years old.** According to USCIS, “Any alien, whether previously registered or not, who turns 14 years old in the United States, within 30 days after their 14th birthday” must register. Those individuals would need to re-register with Form G-325R. This does not apply to children of FSM citizens born in the U.S. 

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Fact sheet on U.S. alien registration requirements and Alien Registration Requirement (ARR) Determination Tool:

<https://www.uscis.gov/alienregistration>

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