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The Department of State (DOS) has announced a new rule that will permit the [electronic transmission](#) of the Form DS-2019 to J-1 exchange visitors **beginning on April 27, 2023**. As of that date, J-1 exchange visitors who need an updated DS-2019 or a new travel signature can receive **an electronic version of the DS-2019 via e-mail** from the ISSS office. This change will offer

Upon receiving an electronically sent DS-2019, J-1 exchange visitors (including their J-2 dependents) should download, print, sign, and date the DS-2019 in blue ink as the new rule does not allow for e-signatures by the exchange visitors.

J-1s and J-2s should carry their printed DS-2019 (with their original signature) when traveling or applying for a new J-1 or J-2 visa.

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