

**Acknowledgement of Responsibility
For Maintenance of Lawful F-1/J-1 Student Status
And Maintenance of Required Medical Insurance Coverage**

LAWFUL NONIMMIGRANT STATUS

Federal regulations require all international students to maintain an appropriate and lawful status while in the United States.

1. Responsibility for Compliance with Federal Laws and Regulations, and for Maintenance of Lawful Nonimmigrant Status.
YOU are responsible for:
 - a. fully and properly complying with all laws and regulations of the U.S. government,
 - b. maintaining your lawful status,
 - c. ensuring that necessary documents are forwarded to the U.S. government appropriately.
2. We [International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)] are responsible for:
The role or purpose of ISSS, in relation to federal immigration regulations, is to use our best efforts to provide you with information, counseling, advice and assistance so that you can maintain your lawful immigration status.
3. We are not responsible for:
While the ISSS staff provides a high level of professional service, we are not employees of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or attorneys specializing in immigration law. We cannot provide you with legal advice. You have the right to consult an immigration attorney, the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). ISSS can provide you with contact information.

The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama (UA), its faculty and staff, and its agents or employees are NOT liable to you for any difficulties you may experience as a result of any failure to maintain proper, lawful nonimmigrant status.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

University policy requires all international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 was issued by UA to have appropriate insurance coverage. UA attempts to arrange for automatic group coverage for you, but cannot and does not guarantee you or your dependent(s) that you are or will be automatically included in the group insurance plan. You are responsible for continuously maintaining coverage which meets UA requirements. If you have other insurance that meets or exceeds UA minimum requirements, the Insurance Office in the Student Health Center must receive a completed Insurance Waiver Form each semester on or before the submission deadline.

VERIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING AND RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS

By my signature below, I verify that I have read this document, understand its contents and will retain a copy. Since it is my responsibility to maintain my lawful nonimmigrant status and to maintain appropriate medical insurance, I hereby release and hold harmless the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama and its faculty, staff, agent and employees from any claim which could result from failure to maintain lawful nonimmigrant status and appropriate medical insurance.

Name (Printed) _____

Signature _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

After signing, submit this form, your immigration documents and Contact Information Sheet to International Student & Scholar Services.

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