

Things you need to know before you Travel

What is a full calendar month?

Certain non-U.S. Citizens beneficiary residing outside of the U.S. for six consecutive months, can receive Social Security regular monthly benefit payments after residing lawfully in the United States of America for one full calendar month.

Why do I have to do comply with a full calendar month visit?

This requirement applies to beneficiaries eligible to receive a survivor or dependents benefit who:

- Are not a U.S. citizen, or
- Were not initially eligible for monthly benefits before January 1, 1985, or
- Have not resided in the U.S. for at least five years.

How to comply with a full calendar month visit?

It means you have to be in the United States of America (USA) before the first minute of the first date of the month and leave after the last minute of the last day of the month.

<i>March</i>							<i>April</i>							<i>May</i>							
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Enter the USA no later than this day

Stay in USA for the entire month

Leave USA on or after this date.

Things you need to do while visiting the United States

Where do I report my visit

We strongly encourage you to report your visit at a local Social Security Office while in the U.S. to avoid interruption of your benefit payments. To locate your nearest social security office call 800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

What do I need to report at the Social Security Office?

You must present the following documents to the official at the Office:

- Memorandum from the Federal Benefits Unit to the U.S. Social Security Administration.
- Form 795 - declaration of your visit, including when you entered, when you intent to leave the USA and where you stayed.
- Plane ticket stubs associated with the travel dates on the passport
- Hotel receipts or witness statements

Note: Make sure to keep a copy of the documents you provided for your own records.

Things you need to do while back in your country of residence

When do I need to contact the Regional Federal Benefits Unit?

Since you visited the U.S. Social Security Office to report, your visit you do not have to contact the Regional Federal Benefits Unit or your local Embassy.

Only contact the Regional Federal Benefits Unit if your benefits are interrupted.

How do I contact the Regional Federal Benefits Unit?

The most convenient way to contact the San Jose Regional Federal Benefits Unit is via our online fillable form, please visit:

<https://costarica.usembassy.gov/service/federal-benefits.html>

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

STATEMENT OF CLAIMANT OR OTHER PERSON

Name of wage earner or se person	SSN
Name of person making statement	Relationship to wage earner, self-employed person, or SSI claimant

Statement Of U.S. Residence For One Full Calendar Month

Understanding that this statement is for the use of the Social Security Administration, I hereby certify that:

1. I have resided in the U.S. for at least one full calendar month.
2. I entered the U.S. on:
3. I plan to leave the U.S. on:
4. My address while in the U.S. was:
5. Tel:

I am attaching as additional evidence the following documents:

- My passport bio page/ entry and exit stamp page associated with this trip.
- My U.S. Visa
- Boarding passes/ Itinerary
- Statement of witnesses or hotel receipts

I hereby declare that while in the U.S. I did not leave the U.S. territory during the above-mentioned calendar month.

I know that anyone who makes or causes to be a false statement or representation of material fact in an application or for use in determining a right to payment under the Social Security Act commits a crime punishable under Federal Law and/or State law. I affirm that all information I have given in this document is true.

Signature	Date (Month, Day, Year)
Mailing address:	Phone: