Non-resident aliens (NRAs) in F, J, M or Q visa status who were in the US for even 1 day in 2023 must file Form 8843.

It is the law.

Who Does Not Complete the 8843:

- 1. Individuals who were in the US in H-1B or another visa status (B, VW, H, etc.) do not complete the 8843.
- 2. Individuals who were classified as Residents for Tax Purposes (RA) in 2023 do not complete the 8843. This is true even if the RA is in F, J, M or Q visa status. (Contact Devon Slough in OIT if you need assistance determining whether you are an NRA or RA.)

Quick Explanation:

Form 8843 is an information statement that is filed with the IRS and demonstrates that you should not be taxed on your worldwide income (as US citizens and residents for tax purposes must be taxed on their worldwide income.)

If required to do so, filing Form 8843 is mandated by Treasury Regulations 301.7701(b)-8(a)(2) and (b)(2).

Long Explanation:

The 8843 is an SPT (substantial presence test) that counts the number of days an individual has been in the US over current and past years.

In very basic terms, the IRS looks at non-US persons as either residents for tax purposes (RA) or non-residents for tax purposes (NRA). Form 8843 determines whether the individual is an RA or NRA. Based on this determination, the individual is taxed appropriately.

For example, an RA usually has FICA (Social Security, Medicare and Unemployment Insurance) withheld from paychecks during summer employment, but an NRA does not.

Some individuals do not need to count days – these individuals are termed "exempt from counting days." An exempt individual can be someone who is temporarily present in the US under an F, J, M or Q visa.

NOTE: You can not exclude days of presence in 2023 if you were exempt as a teacher, trainee or student for any part of more than 5 calendar years unless you reestablish residency (i.e. you have gone home for more than 365 days in between visas.)

No Income Earned in US:

If you do not have to file a federal income tax return (1040-NR) but you were in the US in 2023 as an NRA for even one day (called a day of presence) on a nonimmigrant visa (F, J, M or Q), you still must submit a Form 8843.

Mailing Address: Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Austin, TX 73301-0215

Due Date: June 15, 2024

Income Earned in US:

If you are filing a federal income tax return (1040-NR), you must submit the 8843 with your tax return. Attach the 8843 to your income tax return and mail the two documents together.

Mailing Address: Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Austin, TX 73301--0215

Due Date: April 15, 2024

Form 8843 cannot be submitted electronically. It must be mailed to the IRS.

Form 8	8843	Stateme	Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals With a Medical Condition				OMB No. 1545-0074	
				or use by alien individua	-		2023	
				irs.gov/Form8843 for the l			Attachment	
Departm	ent of the Treasur	For	For the year January 1—December 31, 2023, or other tax year				Sequence No. 102	
Internal F	Revenue Service	beginning		, 2023, and ending		, 20 .		
Your firs	t name and initial			Last name You		Your U.S. taxpayer identifi	cation number (TIN), if any	
Fill in		Address in country of reside	Address in country of residence Address in the United States		nited States			
addresses only if you are filing this form by itself and not with your U.S. tax return.								
Part I General Information								
1a	Type of U.S. visa (for example, F, J, M, Q, etc.) and date you entered the United States:							
b	Current nonimmigrant status. If your status has changed, also enter date of change and previous status. See instructions.					See instructions.		
2	Of what country or countries were you a citizen during the tax year?							
За	What country or countries issued you a passport?							
b								

Complete 1-3 of Part I

4a	Enter the actual number of days you were present in the United States during:				
	2023	2022	2021		
b	Enter the number	er of days in 2023	you claim you can exclud	e for purposes of the substantial presence test:	

By completing Lines #4a and #4b, you are determining whether you can be considered by the IRS to be an exempt individual (i.e. an NRA).

If you do not remember the exact number of days you were in the US in a particular year, you can get your travel history at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/194/#/home when you view your travel history.

Part	Teachers and Trainees		F				
5	For teachers, enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution where you taught in 2023:						
6	For trainees, enter the name, address, and telephone participated in during 2023:	number of the directo	or of the academic or other specialized progra	ım you			
7	Enter the type of U.S. visa (J or Q) you held during:	2018					
	2019 2020 2021	2022	. If the type of visa you held during any				
	of these years changed, attach a statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired.						
	Were you exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of 2 of the preceding 6 calendar years (2017 through 2022)?						
	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 8, you cannot exclude days of presence as a teacher or trainee unless you meet the Exception explained in the instructions.						

Part	art III Students					
9	9 Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic in	stitution you attended during 2023:				
10	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the director of the academic or other specialized program you participated in during 2023:					
11	2019 2020 2021 20	17 2018 22 If the type of visa you	held during any			
12	of these years changed, attach a statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired. Were you exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of more than 5 calendar years?					
	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 12, you must provide sufficient facts on an attached statement to establish that you do not intend to reside permanently in the United States.					
13	During 2023, did you apply for, or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or have an application pending to change your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the United States?					
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For P	r Panerwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions	Cat No. 17927H	Form 8843 (2023)			

Line #10: List Krittika Onsanit in International Education as the director of the academic program. (Her telephone number is 804-287-6499.) Skip Part IV and Part V.

Sign here only if you are filing this form by itself and not with your U.S. tax return. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form and the accompanying attachments, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Your signature Date			
only if you are filing this form by itself and not with your U.S. tax	return.	Your signature	Date
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Sign the form as required.