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SEVP

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

SEVP at a Glance
January 2019

Presentation Overview

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THE LATEST NEWS

Fall 2018 Regulatory Update

SEVP-related Items from the Unified Agenda

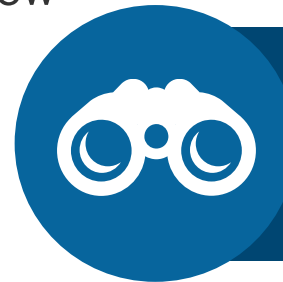
- **Eligibility checks**
 - DHS may enforce eligibility checks for DSOs and ROs
- **Authorized stay**
 - DHS may consider a maximum period of authorized stay for F-1 students and other nonimmigrants
- **Adjusting program fees**
 - DHS will publish a final rule to adjust fees that SEVP charges to individuals and organizations

Visit [RegInfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov) to read the complete Fall 2018 Unified Agenda

Fall 2018 Regulatory Update

What Stakeholders Need to Know

- No timeline for publication of proposed rules concerning eligibility checks or authorized stay
 - Both are in the initial stages of review
- Understand the federal rulemaking process
 - Initial stages of review
 - Public comment period
 - Opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback
 - SEVP will review and consider all public comments



REMEMBER:
SEVP notifies stakeholders in advance of any proposed regulatory changes

Find additional information on the federal rulemaking process in
“The Guide to the Federal Rulemaking Process”

[FederalRegister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov)

Frequently Asked Question



Fee Rule Impact

How will new, increased program fees result in greater transparency and communication regarding Form I-17 processing times? What is the mandate on turnaround times for processing Form I-17 updates and recertification petitions?

Government Partner Notification

Accrual of Unlawful Presence by F and M Nonimmigrants

- USCIS reissued an updated policy memorandum on Aug. 9, 2018, related to accrual of unlawful presence
 - Changes calculation of unlawful presence for students and dependents who fail to maintain status in the United States
- Two situations:
 - Students who failed to maintain status before Aug. 9, 2018
 - Students who fail to maintain status on or after Aug. 9, 2018
- Refer to the August 2018 Broadcast Message:
Accrual of Unlawful Presence by F and M Nonimmigrants
 - Located at [ICE.gov/SEVIS/Whats-New](https://ice.dhs.gov/SEVIS/Whats-New)

Contact USCIS for additional information

Frequently Asked Question



USCIS Unlawful Presence

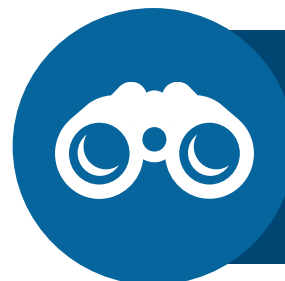
Do students still have a grace period to depart the United States with the proposed changes to unlawful presence?

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

Upcoming SEVIS Release

SEVP Portal Upgrade

- SEVIS upgrade scheduled for early 2019
- Release includes SEVP Portal enhancements:
 - Automated email reminders before validation report deadlines
 - Access to reporting deadline schedule in SEVP Portal



DSOs:
Become familiar with
reporting timelines

Resources available soon at
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVP-Portal Help

SEVP Portal

Tips and Reminders for DSOs

- **Access previous SEVIS Broadcast Messages on ICE.gov**
 - Includes archived messages sent to DSOs and students
- **Students must enter their current SEVIS ID number**
 - SEVIS ID located on left-hand corner of the Form I-20
 - SEVP Portal will lock the student's account after three failed attempts to enter their SEVIS ID number



SEVP PORTAL RESOURCES:

- Top questions from DSOs
- Top questions from students

Learn more in the SEVP Portal Help section at:
[StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVP-Portal Help](https://StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVP-Portal%20Help)

Unemployment Calculation

SEVIS Release 6.41

- As of Oct. 26, 2018, SEVIS calculates the total number of unemployment days, as required by regulation
 - Consideration for STEM OPT students
- SEVIS will check student records daily and count each day with a gap in employment
 - Unemployment counter displayed in the expanded view of the SEVIS Employment Information page
- SEVP will not turn on the SEVIS auto-terminate function for students who exceed unemployment limits set by regulation
 - SEVP will fully engage the auto-terminate action after completing an assessment of the functionality

Recertification Approval Notice

What DSOs Need to Know

- SEVP no longer issuing a PDF “Notice of Recertification”
- All recertification approval notices now sent through SEVIS
 - Updated process improves efficiency
 - There is no impact on recertification processes

Contact SRC or your local SEVP field representative with questions about this change

Reminders for School Officials

Updating a Locked Form I-17

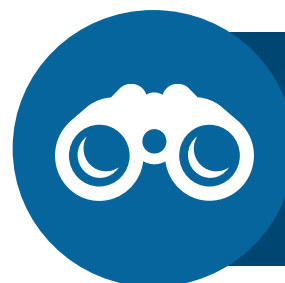
- Schools with a locked Form I-17 must continue to report material changes to SEVP within 21 days of the change
- For PDSO or DSO changes:
 - Email FormI17SupportingEvidence@ice.dhs.gov
 - Reference SEVP Fact Sheet 8.1: Designated School Official Submissions
- For all other material changes:
 - Email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
 - Provide all necessary evidence related to change

Learn more on Study in the States
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Updates-to-Form-I-17

Enhanced Resource

Evidence Guides and Checklists

- **Definition of Evidence Guide**
 - Overview of common evidence required for SEVP adjudications
- **Evidence checklists organized according to action the school plans to take and school type**
 - Action:
 - Initial SEVP certification
 - Form I-17 updates
 - Recertification
 - School type:
 - Accreditation status
 - K-12, flight school, postsecondary



REMEMBER:
Evidence checklists located
at [ICE.gov/SEVIS/Schools](https://ice.dhs.gov/SEVIS/Schools)

Field Representative Unit Updates

Current Vacancies

- **Field representatives deployed to:**
 - Raleigh, North Carolina
 - St. Louis, Missouri
- **Three remaining vacancies in:**
 - El Paso, Texas
 - New York, New York
 - Omaha, Nebraska



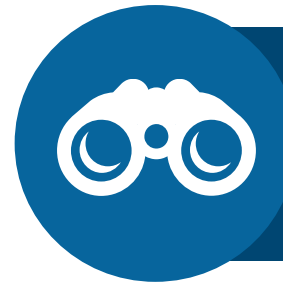
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Student Travel

Form I-515A

- Grants students temporary admission into the United States
- Paperwork includes:
 - Original Form I-515A
 - Form I-20
 - Form I-94
 - Copy of admission stamp in the student's passport
 - I-901 SEVIS Fee receipt
- DSOs should assist students in complying with Form I-515A requirements
 - Students must respond within 30 days



REMEMBER:

Failure to respond to a Form I-515A may negatively impact a student's status

DON'T FORGET

Verify Your School Officials

SEVIS Annual Verification

- **Verification period**
 - Dec. 2, 2018 to March 2, 2019
- **Must verify that all current SEVIS users:**
 - Are still employed by the organization
 - Continue to be a selected PDSO or DSO
 - Require continued SEVIS access
- **If verification is not completed on time:**
 - DSOs lose access to SEVIS and Batch
 - PDSO's SEVIS functions will be limited to verification
 - May result in a compliance action

Learn more in the SEVIS Help Hub:
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVIS-Help-Hub

FACTS + FIGURES

SEVP Year in Review

Responding to Stakeholder Feedback

INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION



January 2018 to December 2018:

79 presentations to government partners

82 joint conference presentations

SEVP Year in Review

Responding to Stakeholder Feedback

INCREASING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY



In 2018:

3 updates to the Trends and Improvements section
on Study in the States

Interagency coordination | Form I-17 process improvements
Processing time for PDSO and DSO Form I-17 updates

SEVP Year in Review

Responding to Stakeholder Feedback

STUDY IN THE STATES BLOG POSTS



5 Study in the States blog posts directly responding to stakeholder feedback:

Community Voices: Resources for K-12 DSOs

SEVP Portal: Top Questions from DSOs | SEVP Portal: Top Questions from Students

Reporting Volunteer Positions During OPT Employment

DSOs: Learn More About SEVIS Termination Reasons

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STUDY IN THE STATES RESOURCE PAGES



10 Study in the States resource pages directly responding to stakeholder feedback:

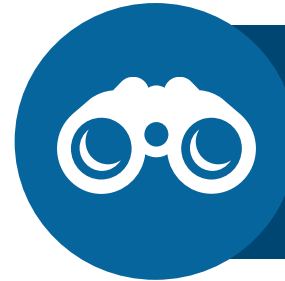
Maintaining Accurate SEVIS Records
Financial Ability

SEVP Portal Help section (Contains 8 new resource pages and 7 new videos)

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Miss a Webinar?

- **Winter 2018 SEVP InFocus Webinar**
 - Aired Dec. 12, 2018
 - Featured three SEVP field representative presenters
 - Provided insight and experience about program news and key topics affecting stakeholders
- **Government Voices Webinar: Campus Partnerships with DHS**
 - Aired in September 2018
 - Discussed different entities involved in the international student process



WATCH NOW

Recordings and additional resources available on the Stakeholder Webinars page

StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Webinars

New Exercise Starter Kits for K-12 Schools

Information for DSOs

- DHS OAE released exercise starter kits to assist with active shooter training for K-12 schools in November 2018
 - Available for all K-12 grade levels
- Kits include planning documents with pre-populated templates:
 - Exercise Conduct Briefing
 - Situation Manual
 - Facilitator Guide
 - Participant Feedback Form Template
 - After-Action Report Template

To request Exercise Starter Kits for your school, visit
DHS.gov/Exercise-Starter-Kits-esks

New Study in the States Resource

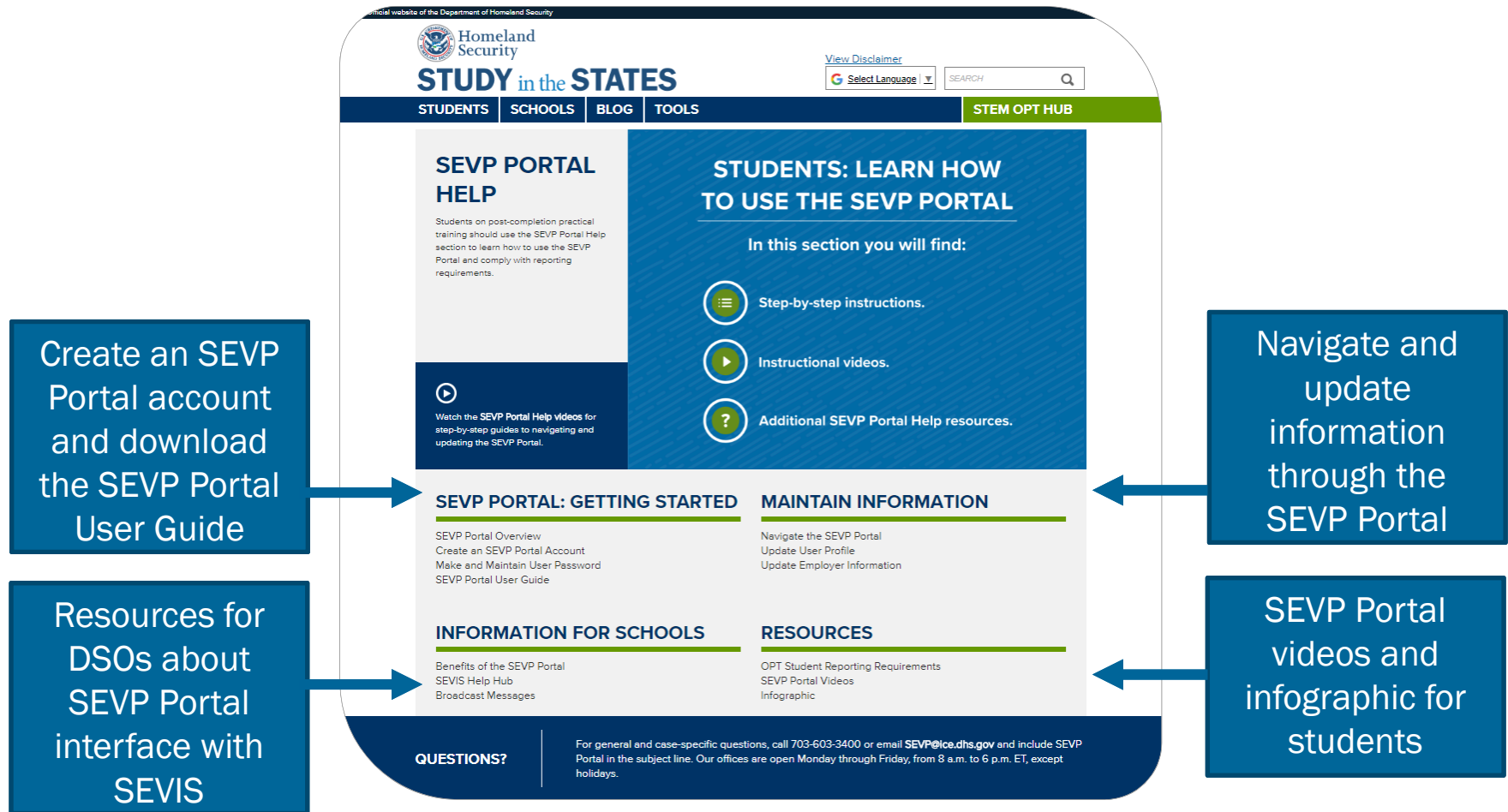
Maintaining Accurate SEVIS Records

- Provides DSOs with overview of various SEVIS functions and reporting tips, including:
 - Reinstatements
 - Transfers
 - School records in SEVIS
 - Annual verification
 - Site visits and on-site reviews
- Links DSOs to additional resources that cover:
 - Maintaining student records
 - Getting started with SEVP certification
 - Full course of study

Learn more information on Study in the States
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Maintaining-Accurate-SEVIS-Records

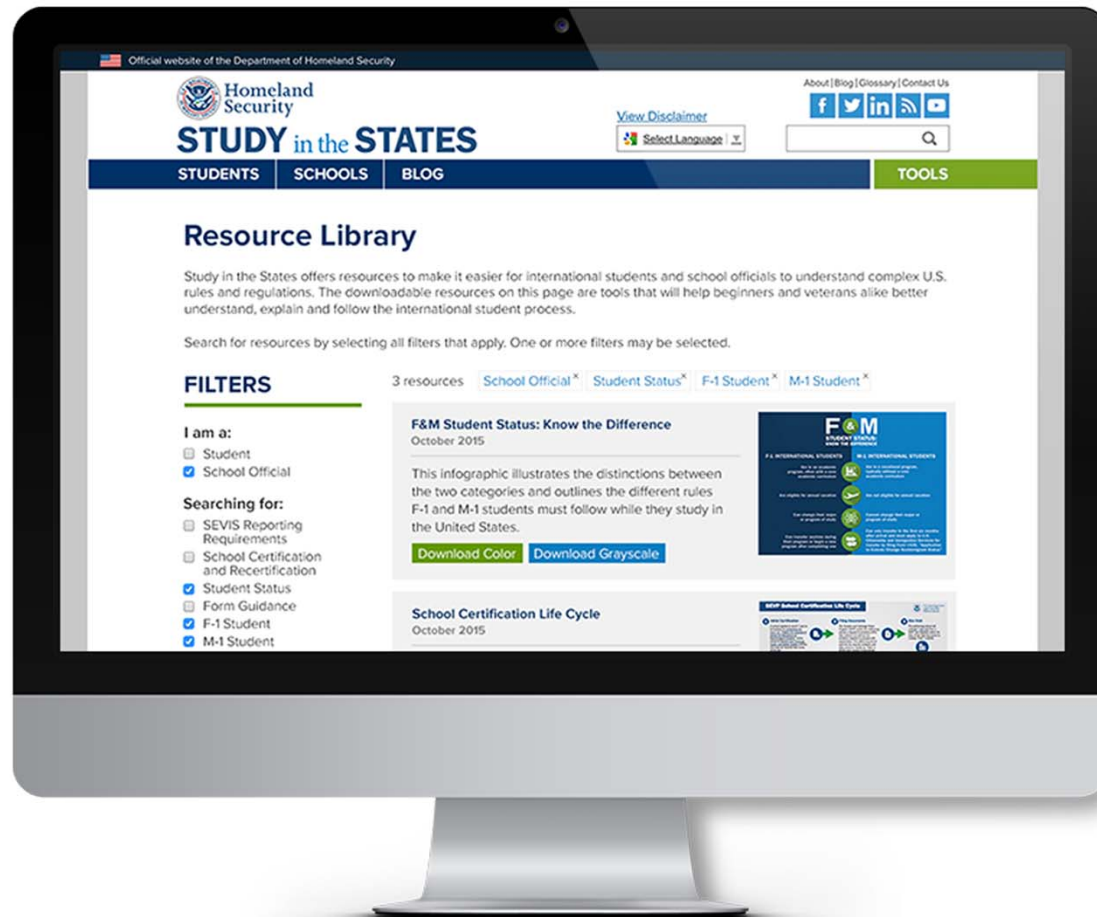
HELPFUL RESOURCES

SEVP Portal Help



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Resource Library



StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Resource-Library

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Available through GovDelivery

SEVP Spotlight

SEVP Outreach Bulletin



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Case-specific questions

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SEVISHelpDesk@ice.dhs.gov

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays

Additional contact information at StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Contact-Us

Contact your local field representative for questions about SEVP policies, processes and updates