



# U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

## Webinar

*Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)  
SEVIS Update Series: SEVIS 6.16 Updates*

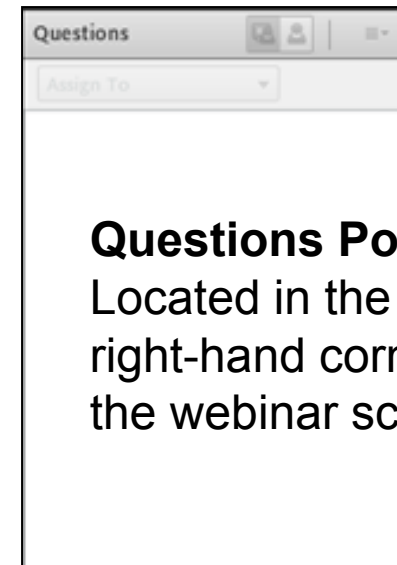
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February 21, 2014  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET



- Use the Q&A window to let us know if you are having audio or other technical issues.
- Type your questions in the Questions Pod as they occur to you.

There will be a Q&A session at the end where we will answer questions, but you may submit questions at any time.





- Overview
  - Current initiatives
  - Future updates
- Conversion of Form I-17 school accreditations and recognitions information
- Schools with pending petitions for initial school certification
- New look for Fields 10 and 11
- Questions and answers
- Resources



- Performance enhancements
  - Improved search capability
  - Improved list functionality
- Conversion of school accreditations and recognitions
- Capturing accreditations and recognition information for schools that submitted petitions for initial certification



- Mass updates
- Templates
- Standardization of names
- Address validation
- Identifying questionable data
- Reporting



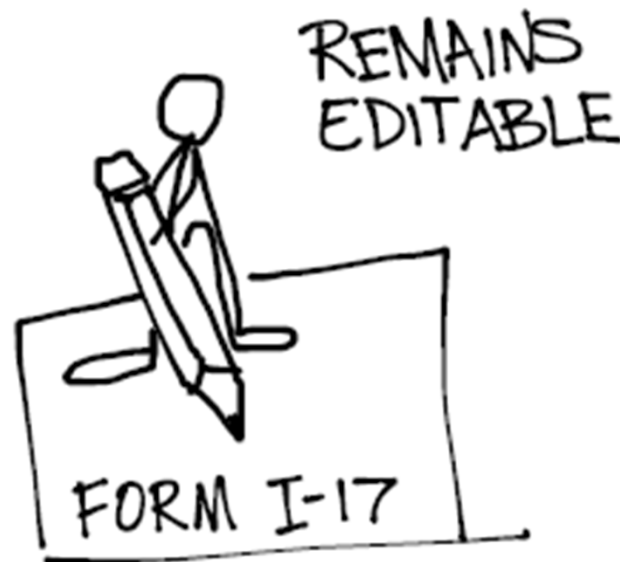
## Conversion of Form I-17 School Accreditations and Recognitions Information



- Corrects a national security vulnerability
- Provides:
  - Data standardization and accuracy
  - Ease of input
  - Comprehensive list of agencies
  - Allows complete input of names



This process is considered a data conversion project – **NOT** a Form I-17 petition update.







## Conversion process:

- SEVP-certified schools with pending updates to Accreditations/Recognitions field
- SEVP-certified schools with **No** pending updates to Accreditations/Recognitions field

Conversions for schools with a pending recertification will be treated like a school with no pending updates.



Only two existing fields on Form I-17 are affected by the conversion:

- Field 10: The school operates under the following federal, state, local, or other authorization
- Field 11: The school has been approved by the following national, regional, or state accrediting association or agency

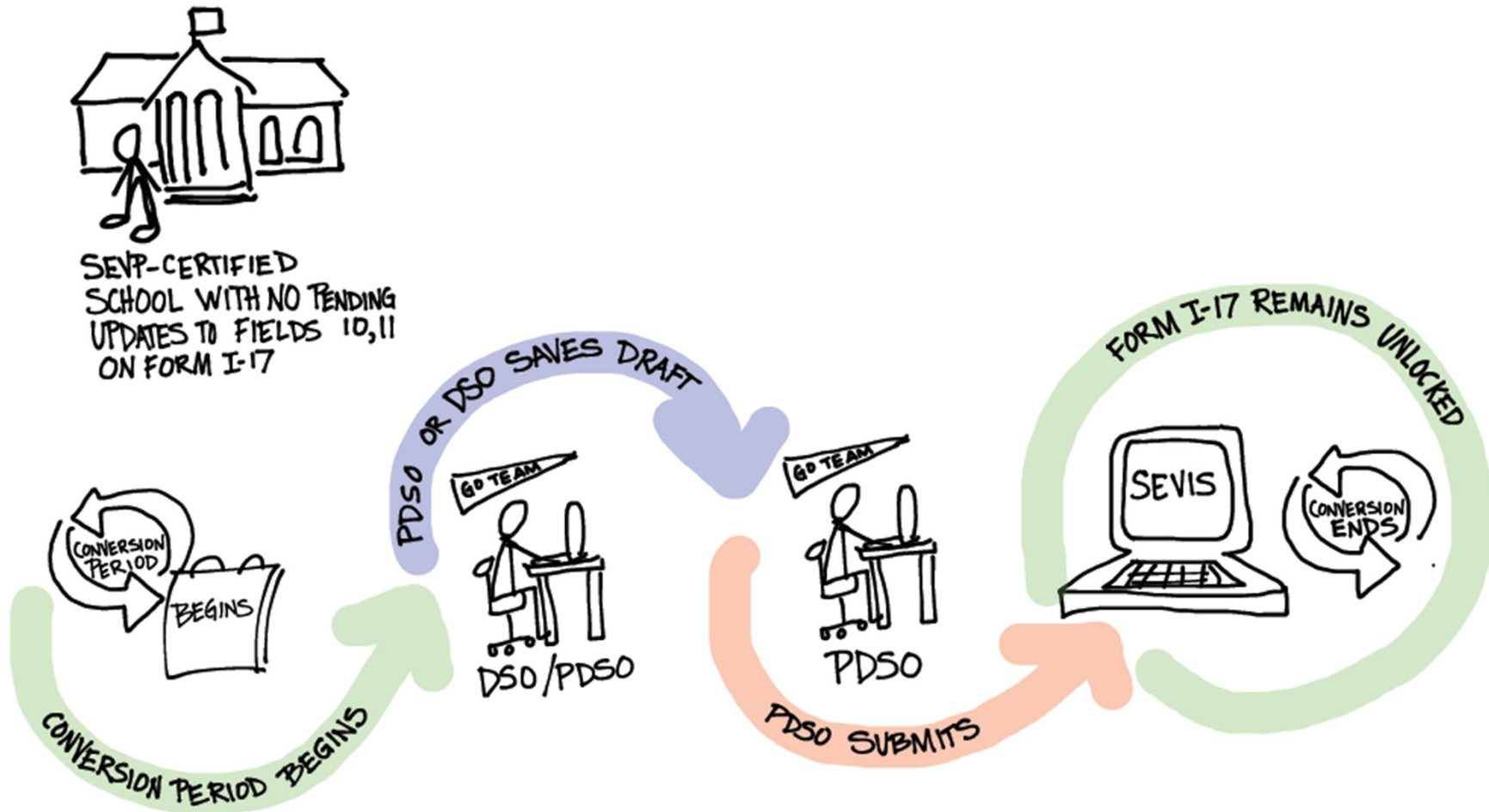
10. \* The school operates under the following federal, state, local, or other authorization (if none, enter "None"): none

11. \* The school has been approved by the following national, regional, or state accrediting association or agency (if none, enter "None"): none

**SEVP will provide detailed guidance to assist schools with the conversion.**

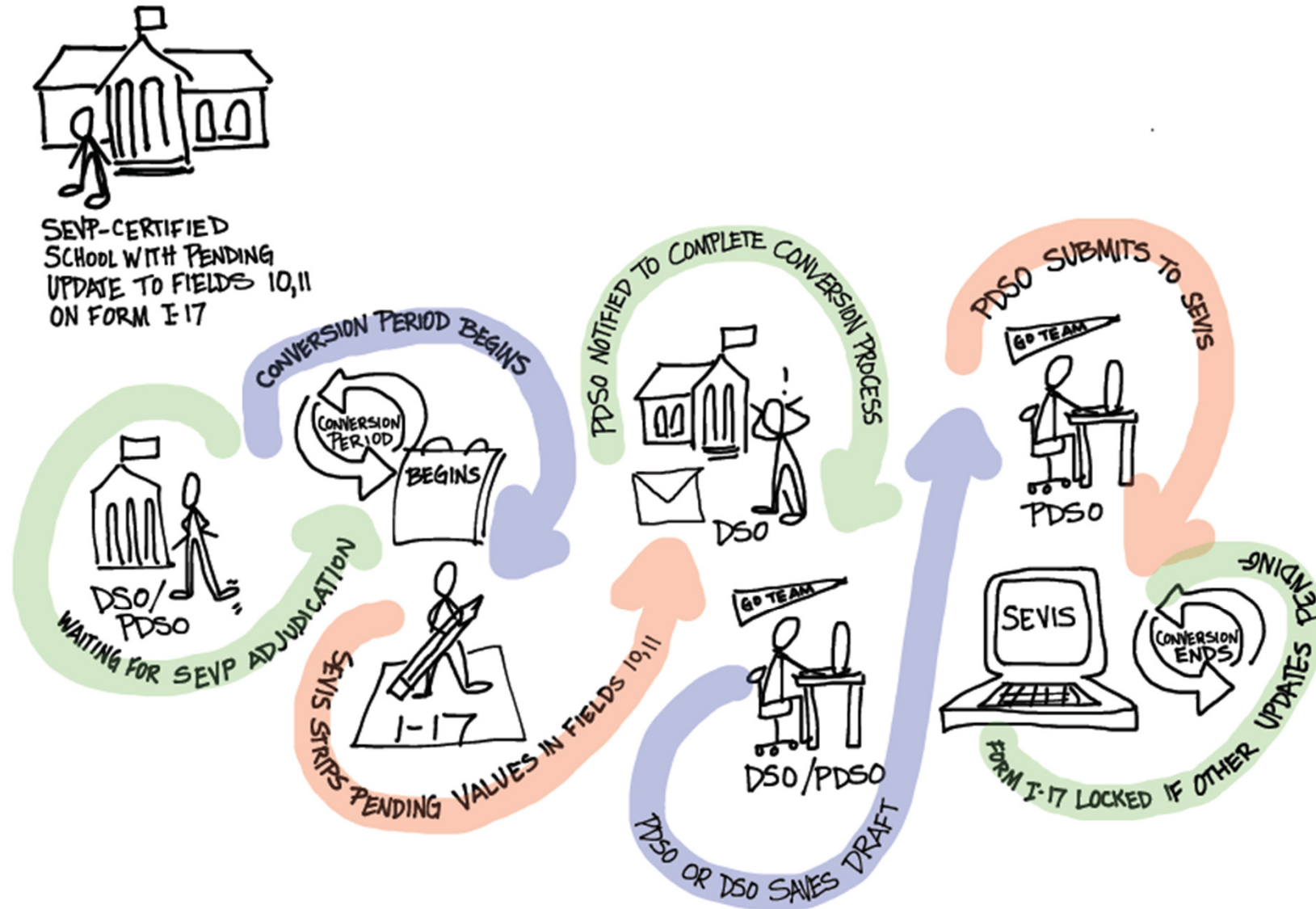


# SEVP-Certified – No Pending Updates





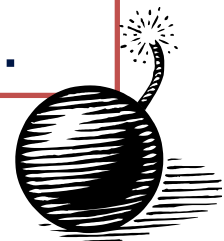
# SEVP-Certified – Pending Updates





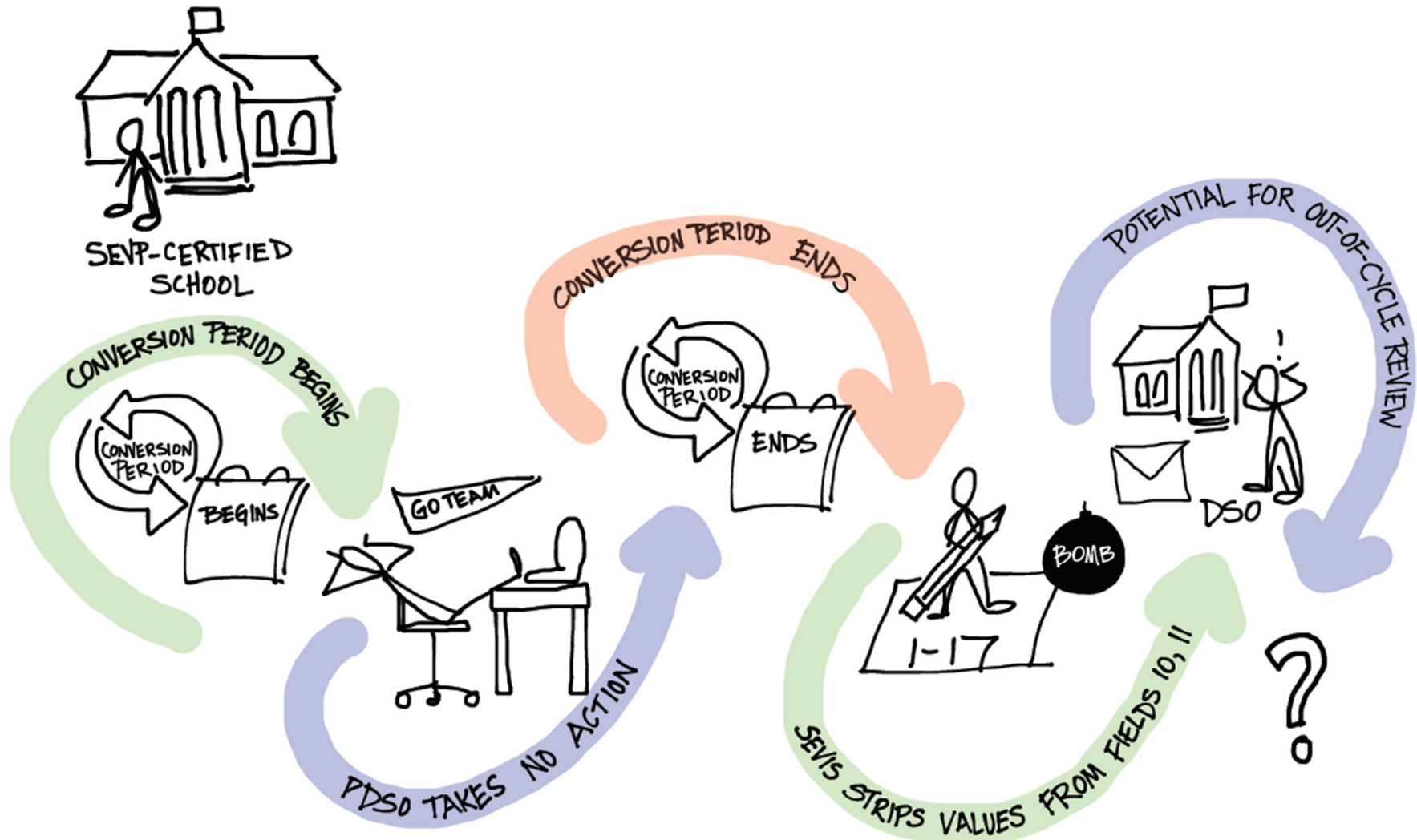
## Schools Have **90** Days to Complete the Conversion Process

Any schools that do not complete the conversion process by the end date ...





# “Unconverted” Schools

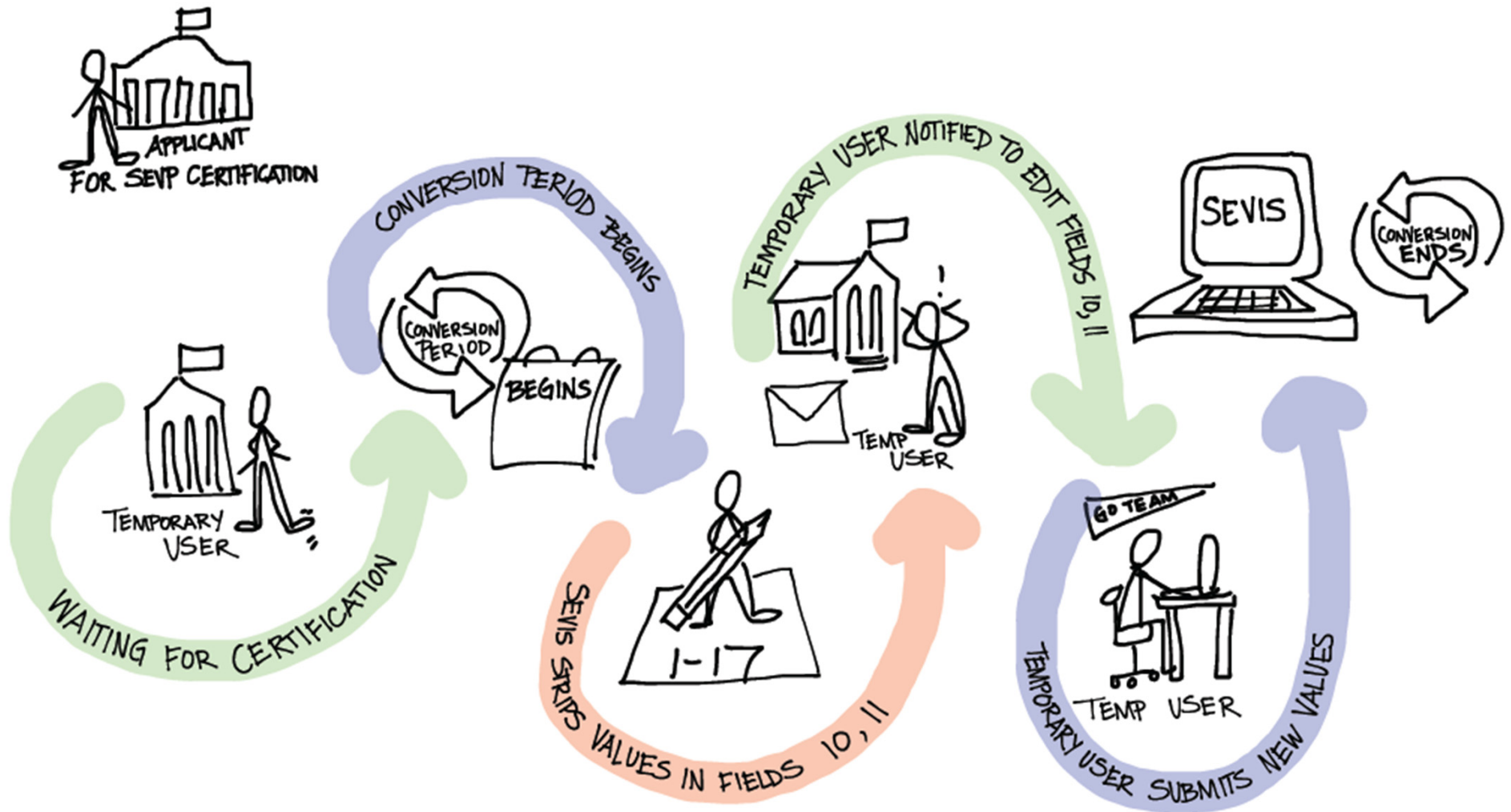




# Schools with Pending Applications for Initial Certification



# Initial Applications for School Certification







# New Look for Fields 10 and 11



Existing Accreditation Entry:

None

Existing State Recognition Entry:

None

**\*Accreditations and Recognitions**

Enter a choice for each option. **None** is acceptable. Depending on your responses, **Not Required** may be an option. This means your school may have these types of recognitions but you can choose **Not Required** instead of listing all of them. See Help for more details.

Department of Education Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Add Selection

None

SEVP Identified Accrediting Agencies

Add Selection

None

State Recognitions

Add Selection

None

Licenses and Other Recognitions

Add Selection

None

Optional Accreditation Comments



## Add Information to the Modal Window

### State Recognitions

**State Recognition:**

**Effective Date:**  /  /  MM/DD/YYYY

**Expiration Date:**  /  /  MM/DD/YYYY

[Cancel](#)



## Added Information Displays

**\*Accreditations and Recognitions**

Enter a choice for each option. **None** is acceptable. Depending on your responses, **Not Required** may be an option. This means your school may have these types of recognitions but you can choose **Not Required** instead of listing all of them. See Help for more details.

**Department of Education Recognized Accrediting Agencies** [Add Selection](#)

|                      |                         |   |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <a href="#">Edit</a> | 02/17/2014 - 02/17/2015 | Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training |
| <a href="#">Edit</a> | 02/17/2014 - 02/14/2015 | American Academy for Liberal Education                    |

**SEVP Identified Accrediting Agencies** [Add Selection](#)  **None**

|                      |                         |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Edit</a> | 02/17/2014 - 02/17/2015 | Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS/CT) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--|

**State Recognitions** [Add Selection](#)  **None**

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <a href="#">Edit</a> | 02/17/2014 - 02/17/2015 | CONNECTICUT |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|

**Licenses and Other Recognitions** [Add Selection](#)  **None**

**Optional Accreditation Comments**

Add any optional comments here.



## Edit or Delete Information from the Modal Window

**Licenses and Other Recognitions**

**Agency: American Academy for Liberal Education**

**Effective Date:** 02 / 17 / 2014 MM/DD/YYYY

**Expiration Date:** 02 / 14 / 2015 MM/DD/YYYY

[Cancel](#) Done Delete Entry



**\* FAA Certification:**

You must choose one of the options below. If you choose Part 141/Part 142, you can enter an FAA Certification Number for either Part 141, Part 142, or for both.

**Note: The FAA number must be 8 characters and cannot include any special characters or spaces.**

|                                | FAA<br>Certification<br>Number | Effective<br>mm/dd/yyyy              | Expiration<br>mm/dd/yyyy              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Part 141 | <input type="text"/>           | Effective Date: <input type="text"/> | Expiration Date: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="radio"/> Part 142 | <input type="text"/>           | Effective Date: <input type="text"/> | Expiration Date: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="radio"/> None     |                                |                                      |                                       |



# Attestation and Submit or Save Draft

**Attestation:**

I attest that the Accreditation, Recognition, and FAA information submitted on behalf of my institution is accurate. I acknowledge that the submission of inaccurate or misleading information may result in the loss of my institution's SEVP Certification and/or my own access to SEVIS.

SEVIS Password:

Save Draft

Submit



PDSO only



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- Dept. of Education Recognized Agencies List
- SEVP-Identified Accrediting Agencies List
- State Recognized Agencies List

Use the **worksheet** to pre-select agency information for easy data input during the conversion process.

| Files for Download        |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Name                      | Size  |
| Conversion Worksheet.xlsx | 43 KB |
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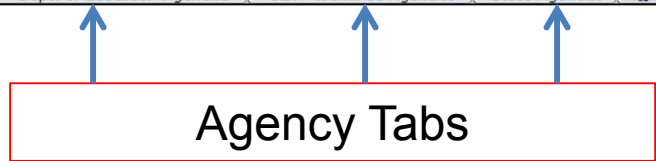


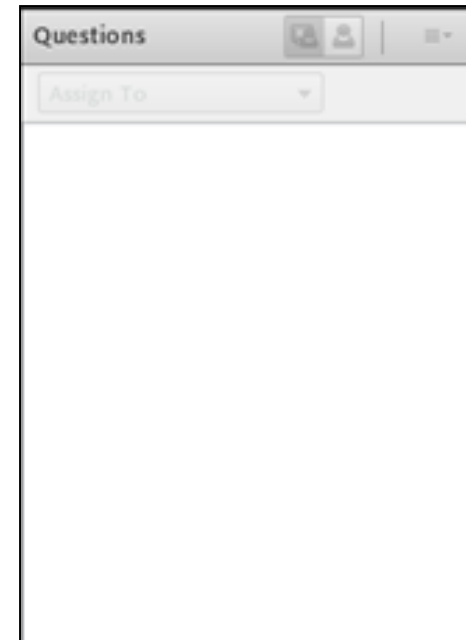


# Picture of the Conversion Worksheet

|    | A   | B   | C                     | D                      |
|----|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | <b>Form I-17 Accreditations and Recognitions Conversion Worksheet</b> |   |                       |                        |
| 2  | <b>Type of Accreditation/Recognition</b>                              | <b>Name of Agency</b>   | <b>Start Date</b>     | <b>End Date</b>        |
| 3  | Department of Education (DoEd) Recognized                             | Use the spaces below to record the DoEd agency that accredited your school.<br>Select "None" if you are not accredited by a DoEd-recognized agency.               | Enter effective date. | Enter expiration date. |
| 4  |   |   |                       |                        |
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| 12 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 13 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 14 | SEVP-Identified Agency  | Use the spaces below to record the SEVP-Identified agency(ies) that accredited your school. Write "None" if you are not accredited by a SEVP-Identified agency.   | Enter effective date. | Enter expiration date. |
| 15 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 16 |   |   |                       |                        |
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| 25 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 26 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 27 | State-Recognized Agencies   | Use the spaces below to record the state-recognized agency(ies) that accredited your school. Write "None" if you are not accredited by a state-recognized agency. | Enter effective date. | Enter expiration date. |
| 28 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 29 |   |   |                       |                        |
| 30 |   |   |                       |                        |
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Instructions   Conversion Worksheet   Dept. of Education Agencies   SEVP Identified Agencies   State Agencies





**Questions Pod:**

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