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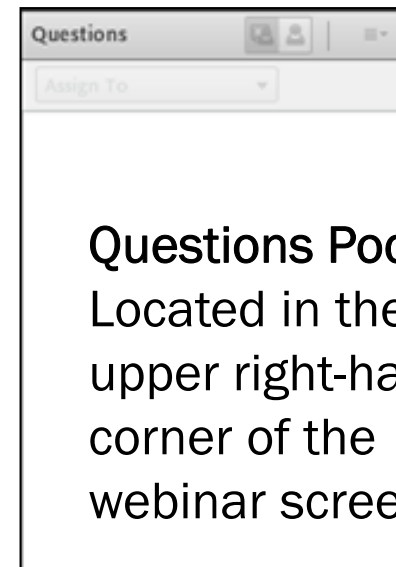# SEVP
STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

SEVIS: The Way Forward – 2014

General

- 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.

Questions Pod: Located in the upper right-hand corner of the webinar screen.

Agenda

- SEVIS Enhancement vs. SEVIS II
- Agile Methodology
- Spring 2014 Release
  - Form I-17 Conversion
- Summer 2014 Release
  - Name Standards
- Future Releases
- Batch Functionality Updates
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SEVIS Enhancements vs. SEVIS II

- SEVP Director Farrell's SEVIS Enhancements video at
  http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2014/03/sevis-way-ahead
- DHS to improve SEVIS to address national security concerns
- Thirty-five new functionalities identified
- Supplemental contracts added personnel to increase project resources

Vulnerabilities that cannot be addressed in SEVIS will be analyzed for alternatives.

Form I-17 Conversion

- 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

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

Current Form I-17

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

New Form I-17

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

Questions and Answers
on
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Agile Methodology

Individual Releases May Contain:

or

or

Releases will come, but the functionalities included in each release may change.

Spring 2014 Release

- Form I-17 data conversion project

- Corrects a national security vulnerability

- Provides:

  - **Data standardization and accuracy**

  - **Ease of input**

  - **Comprehensive list of agencies**

  - **Allows complete input of names**

Summer 2014 Release

- OPT dates and flags

- CAP Gap indicator

- DSO validation

- Status changes of level and transfer

- Geographical designations

- Name standards

- CIP code groups

- History updates

- Dirty data

- Program end dates and completions

- E-mail and address validation

- Update validation alert (DoS)

Name Standards

- Family/Primary Name

- First/Given Name

- Middle Name

- Suffix

- Indicator that a person has no name other than the Family/Primary Name

- Passport Name

- Preferred Name

Name Standards

- Family/Primary Name, First/Given Name, and Middle Name fields:

  – Latin alphabet, no hyphen, no apostrophe

  – One space between names

  – No: LNU, FNU, Unknown, Not Applicable

  – UNK, NA – requires confirmation of name

SEVIS will impose a universal standard of naming conventions, so names are entered consistently.

Future Releases

- Name standards
- Dirty data
- Full-time CPT counter
- Off-campus employment
- Employment information
- Initial session start date
- Correction requests
- Study/research abroad indicator

- COE template
- Mass updates registration
- Form DS-7002
- Out-of-country functionality
- Better messaging
- Better Help
- EV information page
- Termination reasons
- I-20 Student information page

Batch Functionality Updates

- Originally scheduled for Fall 2014

- Comments from webinar attendees may change the schedule for the batch functionality rollout

- Timing of batch rollout may change the scheduled functionality for both Summer and Fall releases

- Batch Working Group

Outreach Webinars

- Pre-release

- Post-release

- Subject-specific

- Quarterly update

Users will continually be updated on the direction SEVP is taking with SEVIS.

Questions and Answers

Resources

Study in the States Website

- SEVIS Information Page
    - http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis
- Webinar Page
    - http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/webinars

Other Resources

- SEVIS E-mail: SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov
- Department of State E-mail: jsevis@state.gov
- SEVP Response Center: SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVIS Help Desk: 800-892-4829