Termination Reasons for DSOs

When in doubt about which reason to use, contact the SEVP Response Center to avoid creating any hardships for your students.

When terminated by a DSO or SEVP, students must leave the United States, file for reinstatement or take other action to remain in status.

Terminated:
The student's record is Terminated in SEVIS by a DSO or SEVP for a reason other than Program Completion.

If you think a student’s record is terminated by mistake, use the link, “Request Change to Student Status,” to submit a Correction Request.

Termination Reasons Reported by a DSO:

- Absent from country for five months – Student departed and expected to return, but exceeded the five-month limit.
- Authorized drop below full course time exceeded – Student did not enroll for a full course of study when a previously-approved reduced course load period ended.
- Authorized early withdrawal – Student requested permission in advance to withdraw from school and departed the United States prior to program completion.
- Death – Student dies. Include useful information in the remarks field. Do not use this for death of a family member.
- Expulsion – Student is unable to maintain status because they were expelled by your school.
- Failure to report while on OPT – Student participating in science, technology, engineering and mathematics optional practical training (OPT) failed to validate their address and employment with their DSO at either the six or 12-month mark.
- Otherwise failing to maintain status – Use for reasons not included in list. Note reason in the remarks field.
- Suspension – Student unable to maintain status due to suspension from your school.
- Unauthorized drop below full course – Student took less than full course of study without prior DSO approval.
- Unauthorized employment – Student was employed without authorization.
- Unauthorized withdrawal – Student quit attending school without notifying a DSO.

Do Not Use These Termination Reasons:*

- Change of status approved.
- Change of status denied.
- Change of status withdrawn.
- Denied transfer (M-1 visa only).
- Extension denied (M-1 visa only).
- School withdrawn (The school was withdrawn – not the student).
- Transfer withdrawn (M-1 visa only).
- Violation of change of status requirements.

*Certain exceptions may apply.

Terminations Reported by DSO or Automatically by SEVIS:

- Failure to enroll – Continuing student fails to report.
- No show – Initial student arrives in the United States and fails to report to your school by the session start date.
- Transfer student no show – Transfer-in student failed to report to your school as required. Report this within 15 days of a new program start date.

Student records will auto-terminate if not registered on time.

For more detailed information, please see related articles on the SEVIS Help Hub.