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SEVP
STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

SEVP InFocus Webinar

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THE LATEST NEWS

Introducing the SEVP Portal

- **Overview**

- Tool for international students to enter information
 - Students will not have direct access to SEVIS
- Ability to report personal and employer information
- Only used to report information for students on post-completion OPT

- **Launch**

- December 2016 SEVIS release
- Prepare now
 - Ensure students have accurate email addresses listed in SEVIS

Portal Functionality

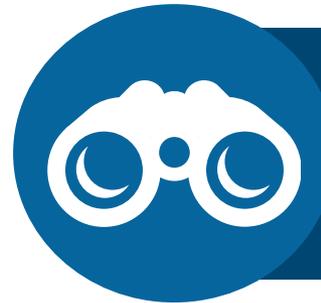
- **Interfacing with SEVIS**
 - SEVIS pushes data to the portal
 - SEVP Portal sends an email to the student with a unique link
 - Student creates an account
- **DSO functionality**
 - Add, edit and remove employer information
 - Resend SEVP Portal account creation emails
 - Access reports on data changed by students
 - Receive an alert list when students make changes

Stay Informed

Upcoming SEVP Portal Communications

- **SEVP Special Report Webinar: SEVP Portal**

- Designed for DSOs and international students
- Learn about the portal and ask questions to SEVP representatives



Stay tuned to Study in the States for additional information

- **Study in the States**

- Blog posts and social media announcements
- Dedicated section with information for students and schools

Final Policy Guidance

- **Conditional admission**
 - Interprets the Form I-20 issuance regulation for prospective F-1 and M-1 students
- **The Form I-20 and the English proficiency field**
 - Explains how to utilize the English proficiency checkboxes on the Form I-20

Learn more :

StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVP-Guidance-for-Comment

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

Upcoming Policy Guidance

- Student and dependent information fields in SEVIS
- Pathway programs
- Documents accepted in lieu of accreditation
- Annual vacation and school breaks
- Academic year
- Student employment
 - F-1 internship with an international organization
 - F-1 emergent circumstances
 - F-1 and M-1 general employment
 - F-1 on-campus employment
 - F-1 off-campus employment

Poll Question



Upcoming policy
guidance

What upcoming guidance documents
are you looking forward to?

SEVIS Enhancements

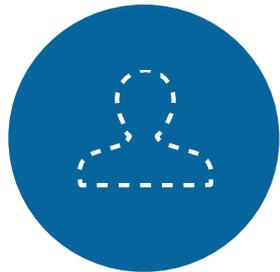
- **SEVIS Release 6.28 – August 2016**
 - Entry of current session start date required during registration event
 - Changes to batch calculation of F and M session and break length
- **SEVIS Release 6.29 – September 2016**
 - Improvements to the Form I-17 updates workflow
 - Improvements to correction requests for F and M students
 - Required current session start date at registration
 - SEVIS Broadcast Message archive
- **SEVIS Release 6.3 – December 2016**
 - SEVP Portal deployment in SEVIS



Around SEVP



Remedial Action Plans for inaccurate student records



Field representative vacancies

DON'T FORGET...

Reminders

Form I-515A

- **Paperwork**
 - Ensure student submits all paperwork to SEVP within 30 days
- **Situation: Form I-515A and a new SEVIS record**
 - SEVP cannot adjudicate the Form I-515A in this situation
 - Student must depart and re-enter the United States on the new SEVIS record
- **Noncompliance procedure**
 - Student has 14 days to respond to the Form I-515A or leave the country

Learn more:

StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/What-is-a-Form-I-515A

Poll Question



**Form I-515A
termination
procedure**

**Were you aware of the new procedure
for Form I-515A terminations?**

Reminders

Form I-515A

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Best Practices

Back to School

- **Have a plan**
 - Develop a student check-in process for arriving students
- **Register students**
 - Know the registration deadlines for new and returning students
- **Review the Form I-17**
 - Ensure it reflects your school's current operating status



FACTS + FIGURES

Enhancing Customer Service

Serving Stakeholders

SEVP Field Representative
SINCE DEPLOYMENT IN MAY 2014



20,000+
SCHOOL VISITS



130+
CONFERENCES

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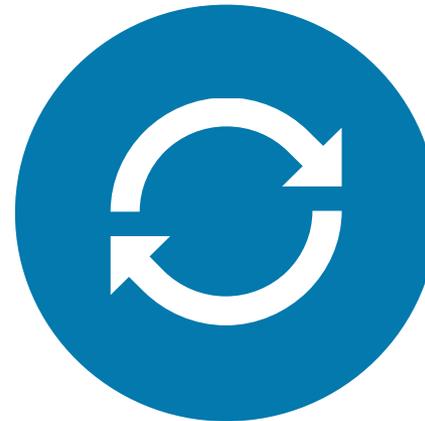
School Certification Unit

SINCE BEGINNING OF FY 2016



38% DECREASE

in backlogged
recertification cases



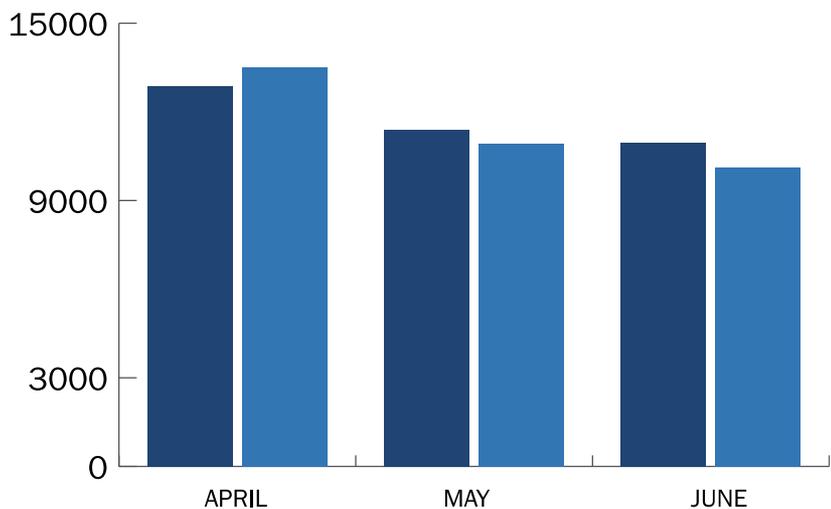
45% DECREASE

in backlogged
updates

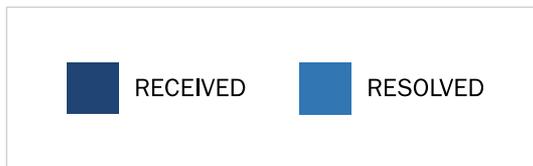
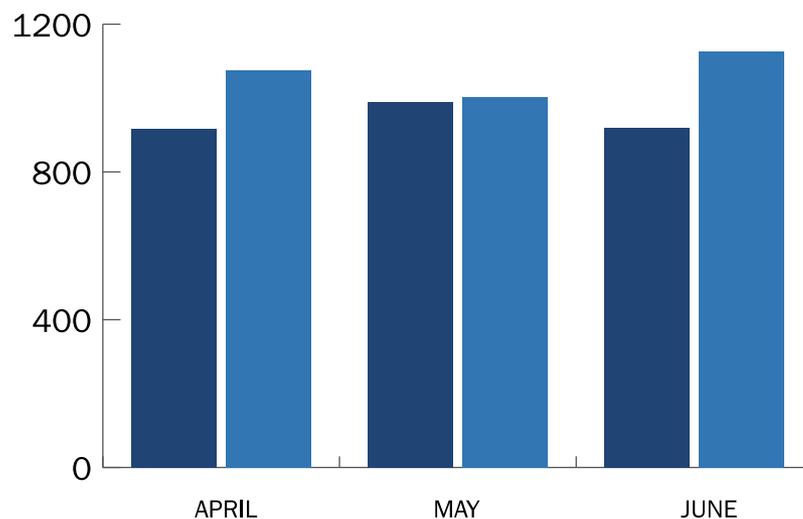
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SEVP Response Center

PHONE CALLS



EMAILS



HELPFUL RESOURCES

New on Study in the States



STEM OPT Hub

StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/STEM-OPT-Hub

Form I-983 video tutorial

Transitioning to 24-month extension

Information for students and employers

May 2016 regulation implementation overview

Form I-983 information

Information for DSOs

Additional resources

Engage with SEVP

Stay Connected



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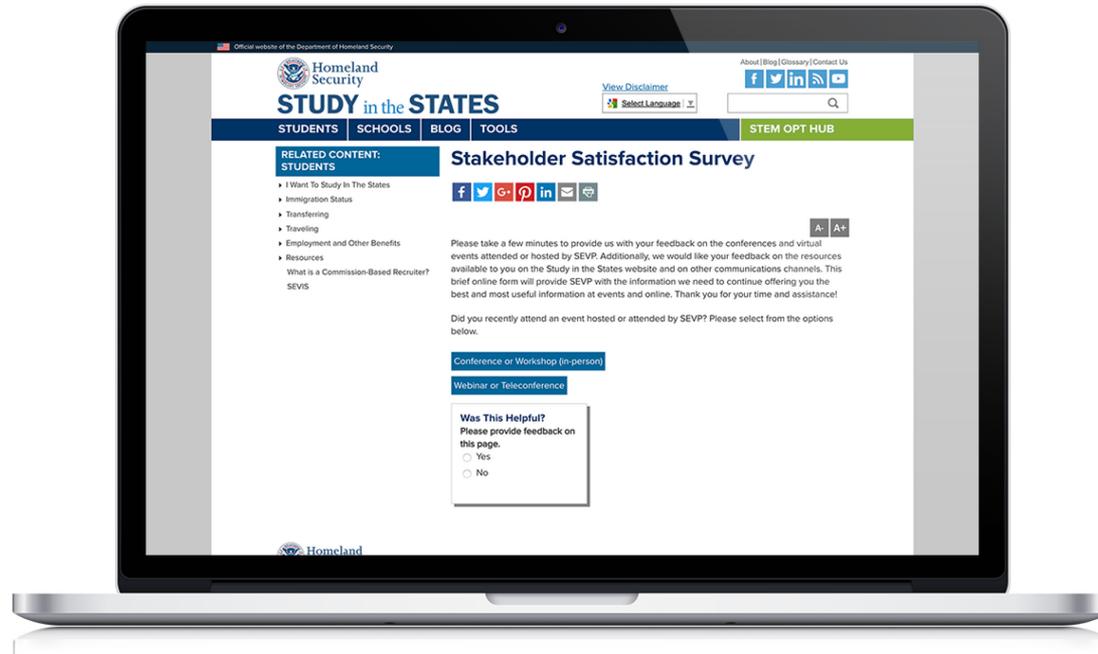
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- Provide feedback on this conference presentation
- Comments reviewed throughout the year



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