

# Outreach Bulletin

## Upcoming Feature Allows Schools to Check Their Appeal Status Online

On Feb. 28, 2017, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will launch a new feature on Study in the States enabling schools to check the status of their pending appeal decision online.

Once SEVP receives a school's appeal, SEVP will send an email to the school confirming the appeals process has been initiated. In the email will be a unique tracking number assigned to the appeal, along with a link to the online Appeals Tracker feature. Once logged into the new Study in the States Tracker, schools will be able to see:

- Case status updates, including their current place in the process
- An overview of the appeals process
- Average timelines for each step, and
- Contact information for further assistance.

## Sign Up to Receive SEVP GovDelivery Messaging

SEVP stakeholders are encouraged to sign up to receive SEVP's GovDelivery emails. These monthly emails highlight additional program updates, reminders and other hot topics.

Stakeholders can [register](#) by simply submitting an email address, which will then be verified before confirming subscription.

## Save the Date: SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar

Mark your calendar for the next [SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Campus Emergency Planning and the International Student Community](#) on Feb. 28, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST. During the webinar, presenters will discuss considerations regarding international students during campus emergency planning, preparation and response.

## Annual Verification Deadline Quickly Approaching

Principal designated school officials (PDSOs) have until March 2, 2017, to complete the annual Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) verification. To comply, PDSOs must verify that all system users associated with their school:

- Are employed by the school as a PDSO or designated school official (DSO); and
- Continue to require access to SEVIS.

The SEVIS Help Hub's [PDSO/DSO Annual Verification User Guide](#) and [Demonstration: Annual Verification](#) provide detailed instructions on how to fulfill this requirement. Failure to comply by March 2 will result in all unverified PDSOs and DSOs losing SEVIS access on March 3. To learn more about selecting a new PDSO, please refer to the [DSO Process Fact Sheet](#).

## Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to [SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov). Did you recently attend an SEVP conference or join in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the [Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey](#) on Study in the States to provide feedback on our outreach events.



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