STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM Outreach Bulletin

Upcoming Webinar: Behind the Scenes of Form I-17 Updates

Join SEVP for the next Ask the Experts Webinar on July 27, 2017 from 2 to 3 p.m. EDT. This webinar will take an in-depth look at the Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," updates process and include a live question and answer session with SEVP representatives.

SEVP encourages stakeholders to submit their questions about Form I-17 updates to <u>SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov</u> by June 26, 2017. Please note that SEVP representatives will not answer questions that are case specific or about specific petition update times during this webinar.

Understanding the Legal Implications of the Form I-17

Designated school officials (DSOs) have several important responsibilities when working with international students. When SEVP adjudicates a school's completed, signed Form I-17, the school and DSOs officially enter a legally binding commitment with the federal government.

Submitting and signing the Form I-17 and agreeing to the school official compliance agreement in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) means that a school and its officials agree to comply with applicable federal regulations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security requirements and reporting obligations. Stakeholders can find more information on <u>Study in the States</u>.

Summer Vacation for F-1 Students

As many U.S. schools prepare to end their current terms and begin summer recess, SEVP wants to remind DSOs to regularly visit the <u>Study in the States</u> <u>blog</u> to stay informed about ways to help their students maintain legal status.

To help kick off summer recess, please take a minute to review some of these previously published Study in the States posts to prepare DSOs to assist their students during their time away from the classroom:

- Learn the Rules for Summer Employment and Training
- <u>3 Tips to Maintain Status during Summer</u> Break
- What is the Difference Between an Annual Vacation and a School Break?

Redesigned Stakeholder Webinars Page

On April 26, 2017, Study in the States released a redesigned <u>Stakeholder Webinars page</u>. The redesigned page makes it easier to find and identify SEVP, SEVIS and government partner-hosted webinars by including them in one location.

Users can filter webinars by event type (i.e., SEVP, SEVIS or partner), category, or by topic and date. Each webinar also has its own unique page that features webinar details and includes resources such as presentations and scripts. Users can access the redesigned Stakeholder Webinars page through the Study in the States Schools page.

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



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