

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

Outreach Bulletin

Remind Post-Completion OPT Students to be Prepared for the SEVP Portal

In December 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will launch the SEVP Portal for F-1 students participating in post-completion optional practical training (OPT). Through the portal, these students will be able to add or edit their:

- Phone number
- Mailing and physical address
- Employer information

An important note: Students participating in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) OPT extension will not be able to add or edit employer information through the SEVP Portal when it is released in December. Regulations require designated school officials (DSOs) to verify completeness of the Form I-983, "Training Plan for STEM OPT Students," which includes employer information, and to retain the form in the student's record. For more information about a DSO's role and the Form I-983, please visit [Study in the States](#).

To prepare for the portal's launch, post-completion OPT students must confirm with their DSO that their personal email address is up to date. To assist stakeholders with understanding the SEVP Portal and student reporting requirements, a new Student Data Integrity section will be added to Study in the States in November 2016. Finally, mark your calendar for the [SEVP Special Report Webinar: SEVP Portal](#) on Nov. 17, 2016. This webinar, designed for DSOs and F-1

students on post-completion OPT, will provide important information about the SEVP Portal.

Visit the New Trends and Improvements Section on Study in the States

Study in the States launched a new section to make it easier for SEVP stakeholders to track and monitor the government's progress on addressing feedback received from the academic community. Users can access the new section through the [Conferences page](#) on Study in the States. If stakeholders have topics they would like to see included in the Trends and Improvements section, please email suggestions to SEVP@ice.dhs.gov and include "Trends and Improvements" in the subject line.

Get the most up-to-date program information by watching these upcoming SEVP webinars:

- [SEVP Special Report Webinar: SEVP Portal](#)
 - Date: Nov. 17, 2016
 - Time: 2–3 p.m. EST
 - Overview: Live webinar explaining the upcoming SEVP Portal
- SEVP InFocus Webinar
 - Date: Dec. 15, 2016
 - Time: 2–3 p.m. EST
 - Overview: Live webinar covering the most recent developments and trends from SEVP

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If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to 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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