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- **Download items in the Webinar Resources pod**
 - Hyperlink appendix
 - Presentation PDF
 - Glossary
- **Experiencing technical difficulties?**
 - Provide a description of the issue through the Questions for SEVP and Technical Difficulties pod
- **Webinar recording and resources available after event**

Today's Presenters



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INTRODUCTION FROM DIRECTOR CANTY

Information from SEVP

Hurricane Harvey

- **Reminders for DSOs**
 - Ensure students maintain status during an emergency
 - Encourage students to sign up for alerts from local law enforcement
 - Review campus emergency planning materials
 - Resources available on Study in the States
 - SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Campus Emergency Planning and the International Student Community recording and resources
 - Maintaining student status during an emergency
- **Four SEVP field representatives deployed with DHS Surge Capacity Force**

Get to Know SEVP Leadership

Director Rachel Canty

- **Director of SEVP**
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Also serves as chief for SEVP External Operations
 - Oversees SRC, school certification, FRU, policy and compliance
- **Previous experience**
 - Acting assistant director, ICE Office of Policy
- **Leadership transition**
 - Business as usual



NOTIFICATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP

Changes to Recertification

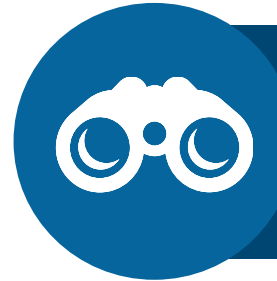
Form I-17 Petition Edits

- **DSOs can edit the Form I-17 as part of the recertification process**
 - Schools must determine when to file for recertification with Form I-17 changes or when to file changes as a Form I-17 update
- **Edits not allowed when filing for recertification:**
 - Change in ownership
 - Change of main campus location

Form I-17 Updates Processing Times

Understanding Form I-17 Updates

- 26 fields require review by an SEVP adjudicator
- Processing times depend on complexity and type of update
 - Majority of pending updates have four to six different fields that require adjudication
- Updates processed in the order in which they are received
 - First-in, first-out processing



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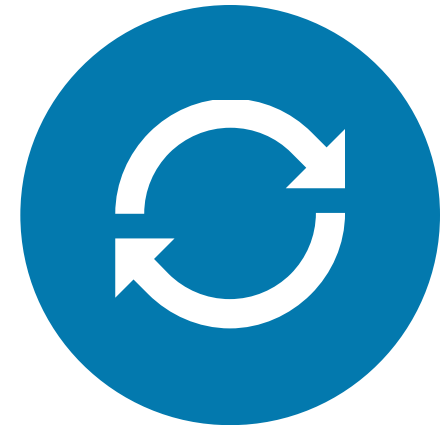
Watch the SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Behind the Scenes of Form I-17 Updates

View a complete list of fields requiring adjudication under the Petition Updates tab at [ICE.gov/SEVIS/Schools](https://ice.gov/SEVIS/Schools)

Form I-17 Updates Processing Times

Average Times

- Processing time for all Form I-17 updates
 - On average, 90 business days
- Processing time for PSDO and DSO updates
 - 10 business days



SEVIS Enhancements

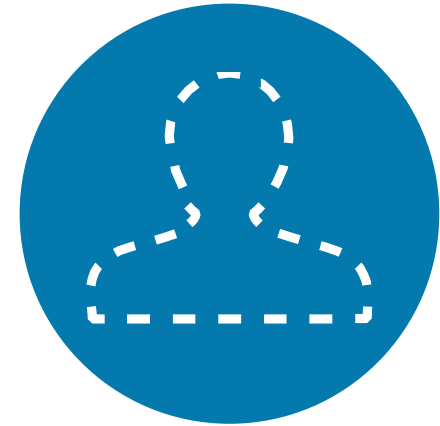
SEVIS Release 6.35

- **STEM OPT changes:**
 - Adding checkbox for DSOs to indicate receipt of a student's annual STEM OPT self-evaluation
 - Changing SEVIS' calculation of the STEM OPT end date to match USCIS' approved end date
- **Edit the Form I-17 as part of recertification**

Visit the SEVIS Help Hub for additional release resources
StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVIS-Help-Hub

Field Representative Unit Updates

- **Remaining vacancies**
 - Baltimore, Maryland*
 - Detroit, Michigan*
 - Kansas City, Missouri*
 - San Antonio, Texas*
 - Raleigh, North Carolina
 - St. Louis, Missouri



***SEVP field representatives are scheduled to deploy to these territories in early 2018**

FMJFee.com Update

I-901 SEVIS Fee Transfer

- **Students can request to transfer their I-901 SEVIS Fee online**
 - Located on the Check Status page at FMJFee.com
- **Allow at least two business days for response**
 - Approval not guaranteed
 - Students will receive an email with decision

For more information, visit the “Students: SEVP Now Accepts Online I-901 SEVIS Fee Transfer Requests” blog post on Study in the States

Ask the Audience



FMJFee.com
I-901 SEVIS Fee
Transfer

DSOs: after this webinar, do you plan to advise your prospective students about the new I-901 SEVIS Fee transfer feature on FMJFee.com?

DON'T FORGET...

Back to School Best Practices

Register Students at the Start of Each Session

- **Within 30 days of program start date, report in SEVIS:**
 - Initial student reporting
 - Active student reporting for each term or semester
 - Initial student records for F-1 or M-1 transfers
 - Nonimmigrants changing to F-1 or M-1 status
- **Report whether an Active student arrived at the school and enrolled in classes**

Back to School Best Practices

Ensure Accurate and Timely Reporting

- **Remember reporting time limits**
 - Report changes to school and student information within 21 days
- **Ensure accurate reporting**
 - Student's record should note where the student resides
 - Form I-17 should reflect current operations
- **Avoid a RAP**
 - SEVP issues RAPs for inaccurate student records

Back to School Best Practices

Prepare Students for Travel

- **Remind students about required documentation**
 - Hand-carry necessary documentation
 - Provide students with DSO name and contact information
- **Ensure students understand the port of entry process**
 - Primary and secondary inspection

See more travel tips and reminders on the
“Getting to the United States” page on Study in the States

Back to School Best Practices

Understand the Form I-515A

- **Assist students in complying with Form I-515A requirements**
 - Will receive email notification from SEVP
 - Ensure students submit all paperwork to SEVP within 30 days
- **Be familiar with SEVP's noncompliance procedure**
 - “Intent to Terminate” notices
 - Students required to respond within 14 days or leave the country
 - Failure to comply will result in SEVIS record termination

Learn more:

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

Ask the Audience



Preparing
Students for
Travel

DSOs: do you provide travel best practices to your international students?

FACTS + FIGURES

Ask the Audience



**SEVIS by the
Numbers**

Have you read the June 2017 SEVIS by the Numbers report?

About SEVIS by the Numbers

- Biannual report that uses SEVIS data
 - Released on [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.dhs.gov/SEVP)
- Offers snapshot of international student information
- Recently updated with new look
 - Highlights international student trends



SEVIS by the Numbers

International Student Snapshot



1,184,735

ACTIVE F & M STUDENTS
study in the United States



194,635

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS
in the United States



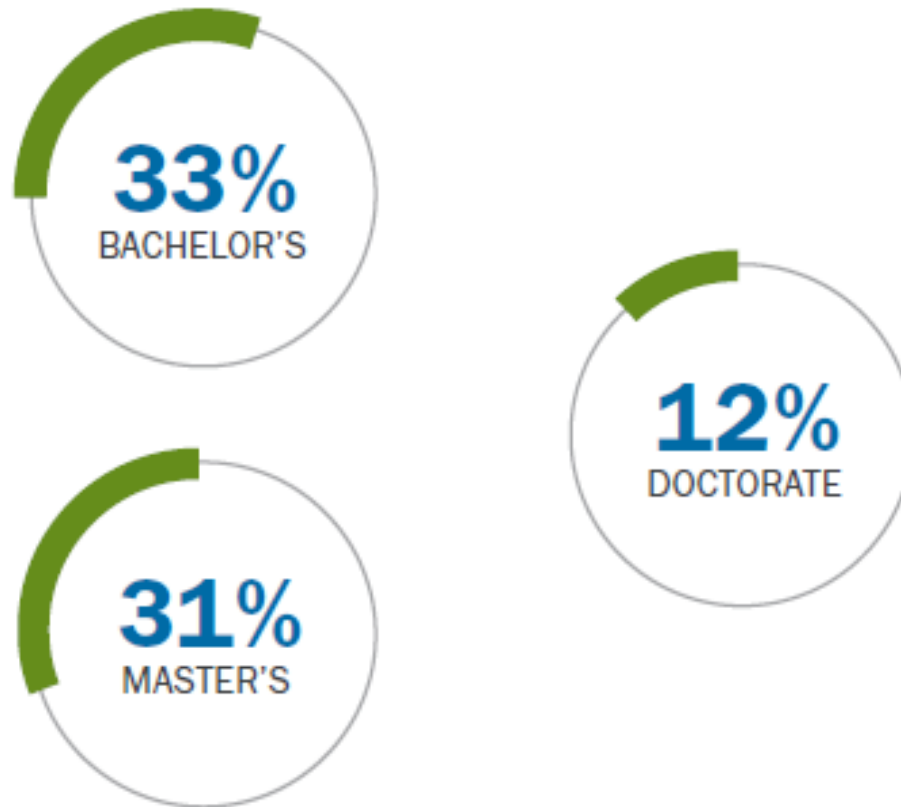
DID YOU KNOW?

77 percent of the 1.18 million
F and M students hail
from Asia

Data from June 2017 SEVIS by the Numbers report

SEVIS by the Numbers

Breakdown of Students in Higher Education



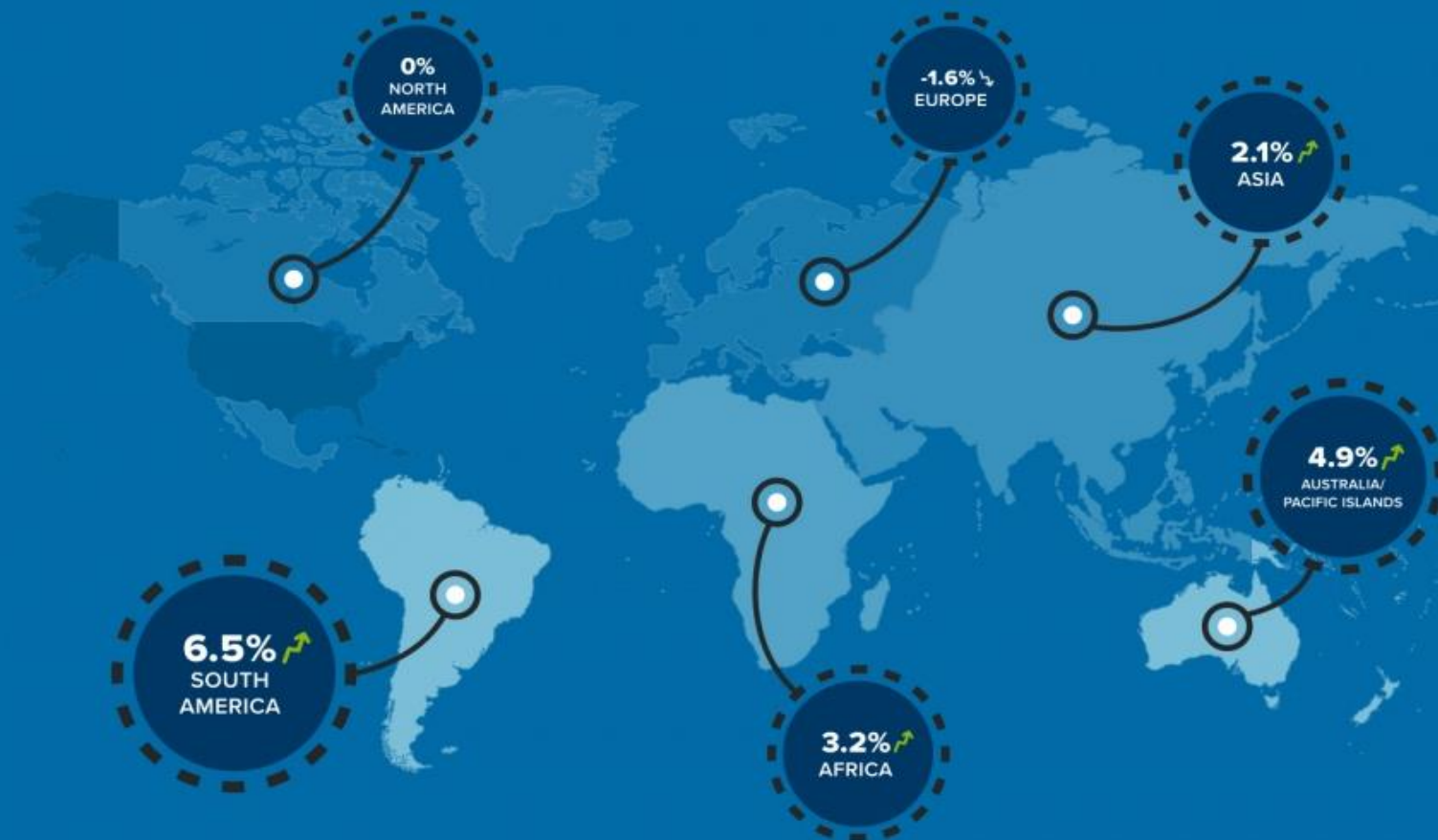
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Where do international students come from?



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Below are the growth/decline rates for each continent over the course of the reporting period (May 2016 to May 2017).



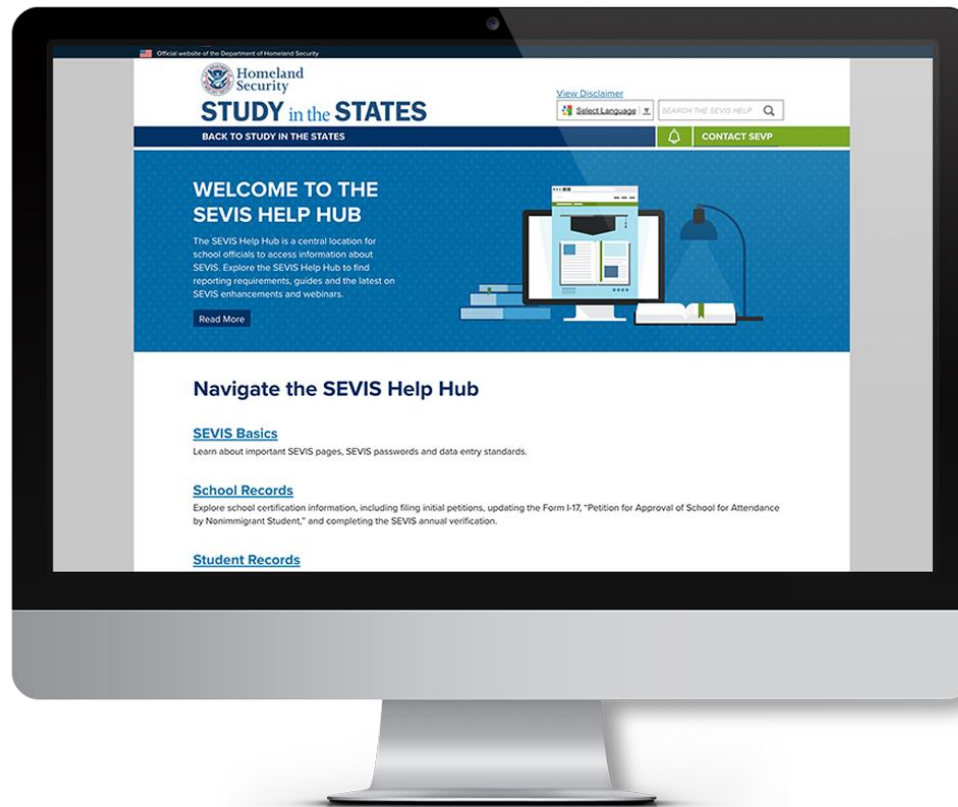
PLEASE NOTE: Continent information within this report was compiled using the United Nation's composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical subregions and selected economic and other groupings.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

New Resources

SEVIS Help Hub Updates



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Save the Date

SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Behind the Scenes of the Form I-20

- Oct. 5, 2017, 2–3 p.m. EDT
- In-depth look at the Form I-20
 - Form I-20 usage
 - Input financial information
 - Manage student records
- Live question and answer session
 - Submit questions to SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov by Sept. 14, 2017

Learn more at:

StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Webinar/SEVP-Ask-the-Experts-Webinar-Behind-the-Scenes-of-the-Form-I-20

Miss a Webinar?

SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Behind the Scenes of Form I-17 Updates

- Took an in-depth look at the Form I-17 update process
 - Fields for adjudication
 - What goes into a petition update
 - Current processing times
- Hear responses to pre-submitted and live stakeholder questions

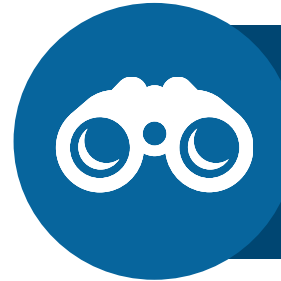
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Petition Updates

ICE.gov/SEVIS/Schools

- **Information on Form I-17 update process**
 - List of fields requiring adjudication
 - How to submit an update
- **Evidence guides**
 - Filing Evidence for Accredited Schools/Programs of Study
 - Filing Evidence for Flight Schools
 - Filing Evidence for Non-Accredited Schools/Programs of Study
- **Updating school officials**
 - Fact sheet



DSOs:

Bookmark this page to access information about the Form I-17 update process

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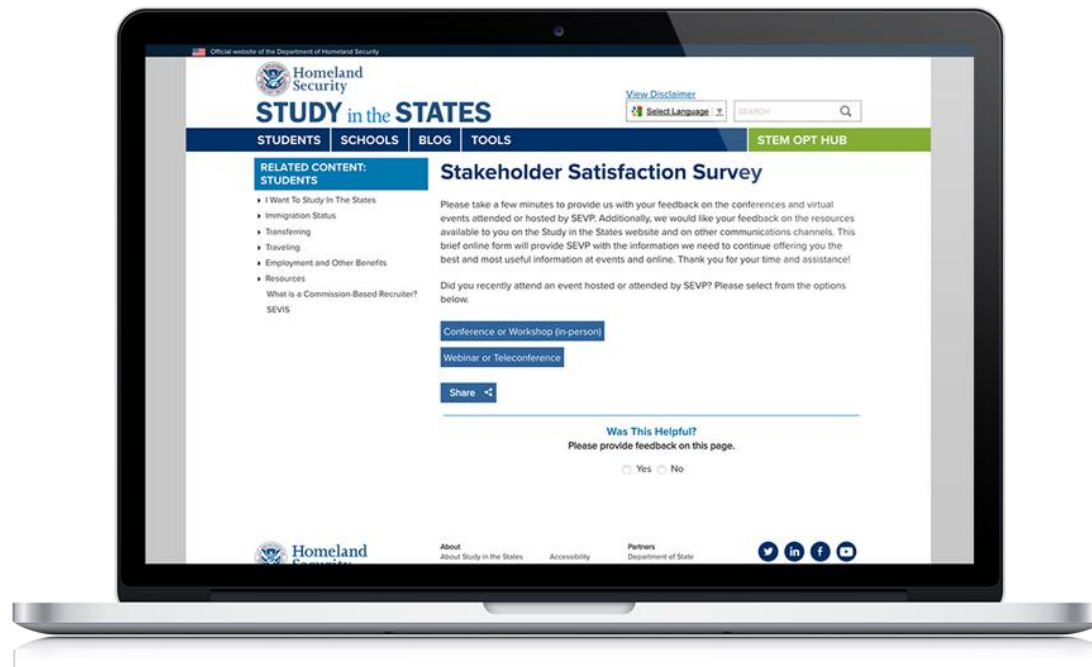
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Additional contact information at StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/Contact-Us

Contact your local field representative for questions about SEVP policies, processes and updates



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