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**SEVIS Batch Webinar**  
**August 11, 2015**



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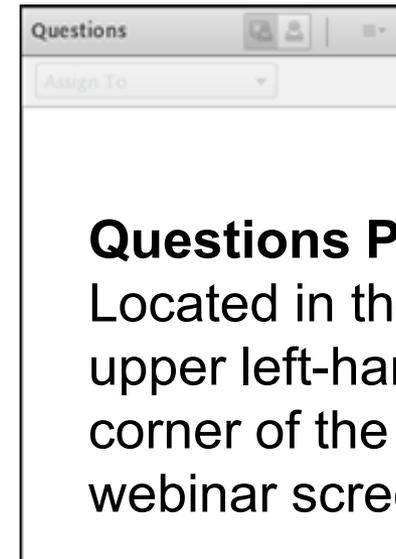
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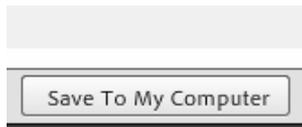


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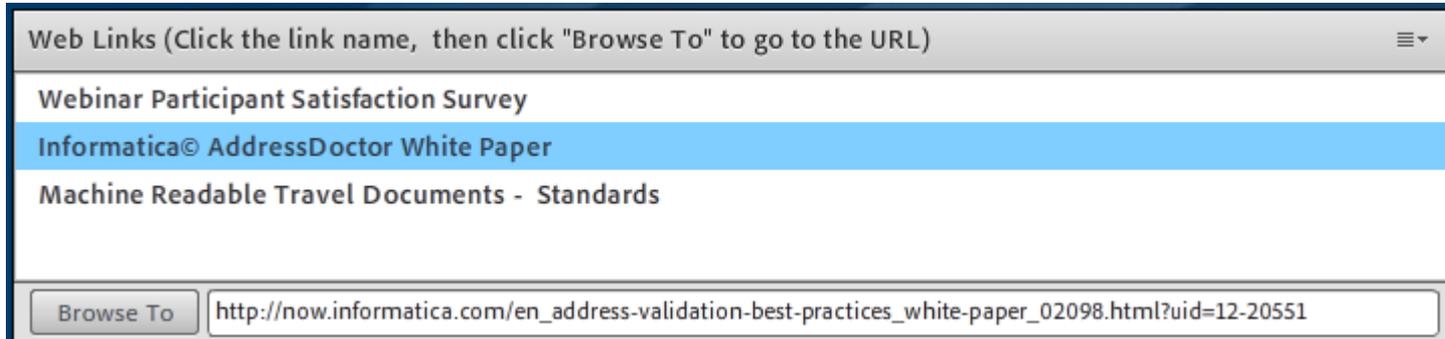
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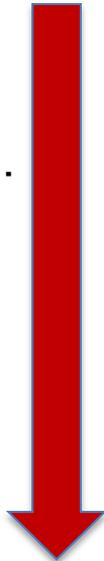


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## Presenters

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# Agenda

## SEVIS Batch Webinar

- Communications Issues
- SEVIS Release 6.22
- SEVIS Release 6.23 (November 2015)
- SEVIS June 2016 Release
- Resources
- Q&A



# Documents Available to Download Today

- Batch Webinar Slides

Also look on *Study in the States* for these materials.



# COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES



## Communications Issues

- SEVP does not always have knowledge or control of DHS system upgrades or changes
- Effects on SEVIS:
  - Alpha Environment
  - Beta Environment

## Communications Issues

DHS organizations involved with IT decisions, includes but is not limited to:

- Policy:
  - SEVP
  - ICE
  - OCIO
  - DHS OCIO
- Technical:
  - SEVIS O&M
  - ICE
  - Security
  - DHS Data Center

Note: Each organization has a piece of the IT decision process, and a decision by one creates issues for all others.



## Communications Issues

- SEVP and DHS partners are working together to advise and involve all concerned organizations in the IT change process.
- Batch User Working Group Conference Call
  - Date: Every third Tuesday of the month
  - Time: 2:00PM – 3:00PM
  - Email [SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov), to join the working group. Preference given to batch software developers and SEVIS IT managers

Note: Conference call access limited to 100.



## DHS Upgrade Effects on SEVIS

- No expected impact on Release 6.22 in August 2015
- Will not delay Alpha Environment
- Release 6.23 may be delayed until after November 20, 2015
- Certificates and code will remain the same

Note: There may be a change in the coding to do a task, but the purpose of the code remains the same.



# SEVIS RELEASE 6.22 BATCH ENHANCEMENTS



## Release 6.22 Address Enhancements

Batch Addresses – Returned addresses will be broken down by field:

- Address Line 1
- Address Line 2
- City
- State
- Zip



## Release 6.22 Address Enhancements

- Address enhancements are still in analysis phase
- Will hold separate mini-webinar on addresses once issues are resolved



# **SEVIS RELEASE 6.23 (NOV. 2015) ENHANCEMENTS**



# OPT Data Elements

## Add OPT Employment Authorization



### SEVIS

#### Add OPT Employment Authorization

The Pennsylvania State University New Kensington  
Sergio Antezana

• Denotes required field

#### OPT Authorization Information

The student has met or will meet the one full academic year requirement by the employment start date. •

**OPT Type** •

Pre Completion  
 Post Completion

**Full Time / Part Time** •

**Full Time:** more than 20 hours/week  
 **Part Time:** 20 or less hours/week

**DSO Recommended**

**Start Date** •      **End Date** •

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**Student Remarks**

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Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

**Employment Remarks**

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# OPT Data Elements

## Add OPT Employment Authorization

Data Field	Data Type	Description	Comments
Has Met Full Year Indicator	CHAR(1)	A 1-character code indicating whether a student has met a full year requirement for employment	Required
OPT Type	CHAR(2)	A 2 character string representing a type of student employment indicating pre-completion or post-completion.	Required
Full-time/Part-time Indicator	CHAR(2)	A 2-character string representing the time basis of a students employment (full time, part time)	Required
DSO Recommended Start Date	DATE	The date on which employment is authorized to start	Required
DSO Recommended End Date	DATE	The date on which employment is authorized to end	Required
Student Remarks	VARCHAR(1000)	Remarks from student about employment	Optional
Employment Remarks	VARCHAR(1000)	A remark associated with this employment	Optional



# OPT Data Elements – Add OPT Employer



## SEVIS

### Add OPT Employer

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• Denotes required field

**Explain how employment is related to course work \***

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

#### Employer Information

Self Employed

**Employer Name \***  **Employer EIN** Highly Recommended

**Job Title \***  **Start Date \***  **End Date**

**Full Time / Part Time \***

Full Time: 20 or more hours/week  
 Part Time: less than 20 hours/week

**Employer Address \***

#### Supervisor Information

**Last Name**  **First Name**

**Telephone Number** -- **Ext**  **Email Address**

**Student Remarks**

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)



# OPT Data Elements – Add OPT Employer

Data Field	Data Type	Description	Comments
Employer Name	VARCHAR(150)	The name of the employer of a non-immigrant holding F or M visa	Required
Self Employed Indicator	CHAR(1)	Indicator that shows whether or not the student is self employed	Required
EIN	VARCHAR(9)	Employer Identification Number	Optional
Employer Address			Required
Full-time/Part-time Indicator	CHAR(2)	A 2-character string representing the time basis of a students employment (full time, part time)	Required
Related Course Work Comment	VARCHAR(1000)	Explain how employment is related to course work	Required
Student's Job Title	VARCHAR(64)	Job title of the student	Optional
Employment Start Date	DATE	If the Actual OPT start date is not populated, reference the DSO Recommended start date	Required
Employment End Date	DATE	If the Actual OPT end date are not populated, reference the DSO Recommended end date	Optional
Supervisor Last Name	VARCHAR(40)	Supervisor Last Name	Optional
Supervisor First Name	VARCHAR(80)	Supervisor First Name	Optional
Supervisor Phone Number	VARCHAR(12)	Supervisor Phone Number	Optional
Supervisor Email Address	VARCHAR(255)	Supervisor Email Address	Optional
Student Remarks	VARCHAR(1000)	Remarks from student about employment	Optional



# OPT Data Elements Requirements

- OPT in Batch – cannot delete employer
- OPT in RTI – can only delete employer
- STEM – Required Employment Start Date
- STEM Reporting – no changes
- Telephone fields only required for employer



## Release 6.23 – J-Program

- Removing the End Program function
- Updating Shorten to include additional reasons.

Note: The user can shorten the program duration to less than the minimum duration for a category.



# SEVIS RELEASE ENHANCEMENTS

## JUNE 2016



## June 2016 Rel. – Certificate of Eligibility (F/M/J)

- Mainly business rule changes:
  - Initial status
  - Date of Birth
  - Limit Acceptable CIP codes for K-12
- Changes will be announced in a group webinar



## June 2016 Rel. – Certificate of Eligibility (F/M/J)

- Some data element changes
- Add Initial Session Start Date
  - New student
  - Change of Educational Level
  - Transfer
- Form I-20 – minor add/remove changes



## June 2016 Release – Registration

- COE Length of Study clarification  
(may or may not affect business rules)
- Finance changes (F/M/J)
  - Different labels
  - Improved information
- Most changes will be in workflow



## June 2016 Release – Registration

- Registration in RTI will be easier with Mass Registration
- Registration will be based on ISSD
- Address and telephone will be required for continuing registration



# RESOURCES



## Study in the States Website URLs

- SEVIS Information Page
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis>
- Webinar Page
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/webinars>
- SEVIS Help Hub
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub>



## Other Resources

- SEVIS Email
  - [SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov)
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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS