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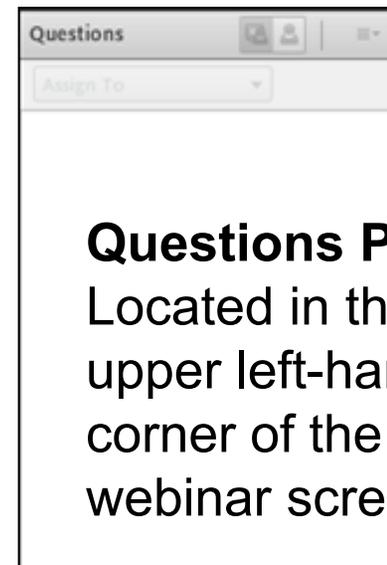
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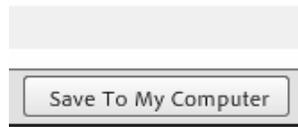


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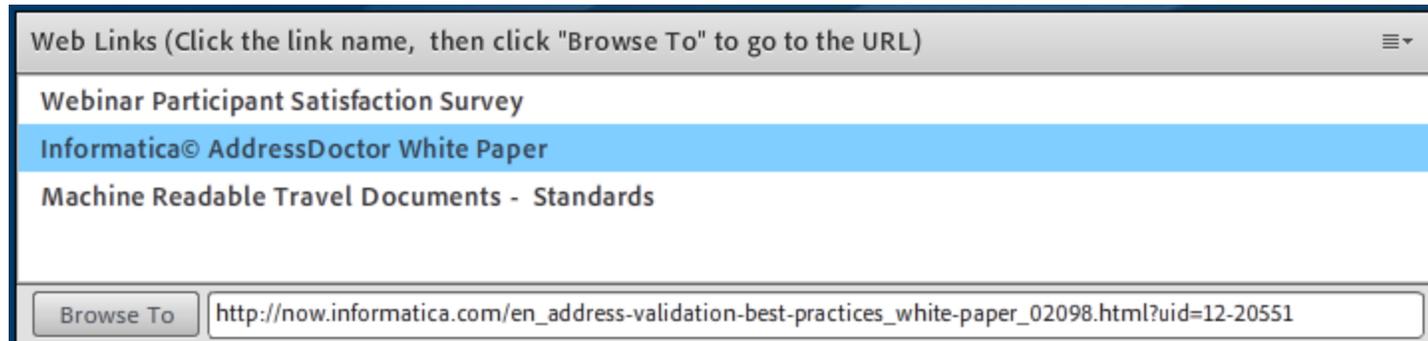


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Agenda

- Address Problems
- SEVIS 6.22 Post-Release
 - SEVIS 6.22 Post-Release overview
 - Q & A
- SEVIS Roadmap
 - November 2015 Release enhancements
 - February 2016 Release enhancements
 - June 2016 Release enhancements
- Resources
- Q&A



Documents Available to Download Today

- SEVIS 6.22 Post-Release and Roadmap Webinar Slides

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



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ADDRESS PROBLEMS

Address Problem: Alert Lists

Problem

- Students/EV With Unvalidated U.S. Addresses Alert list do not populate properly

Temporary Workaround

- Ignore the lists for now
- School/sponsor officials not required to take any action at this time
- SEVP working to resolve problem

Address Problem: Building Type Code is Incorrect

Problem

- Address Types on the student or exchange visitor information page are incorrect, for example, the H-High rise default address is appearing for single family homes.

Solution

- This is not an issue with SEVIS, but how addresses are classified in Address Doctor. SEVP will not fix this. School and sponsor officials can ignore this classification.

Address Problem: Address Found in Other Systems

Problem

- Address found in USPS Zip Code Look-up and Google Maps, but not found in SEVIS Address Doctor

Workaround

- Use the “other” over-ride and the explanation “Address Doctor Issues.”

Address Problem: Rural Address

Problem

- Rural residential addresses unrecognized in Address Doctor, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Zip Code Look-up and/or Google Maps.

Workaround for F/M SEVIS

- Use the “other” over-ride and explanation, “Rural Address,” or,
- Enter the standard PO Box address in address line one. Enter the residential street address in address line two.
- **Note:** If the residential address has a different city and zip code from the PO Box, enter the city and zip code on line two also

Address Problem: Rural Address

Problem

- Rural residential addresses unrecognized in Address Doctor, U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Zip Code Look-up and/or Google Maps.

Workaround for J SEVIS

- Use the “other” over-ride and the explanation, “Address Doctor Issues.”

Address Problems Under Review – No Workarounds or Solutions yet

- The Student/EV Without Valid U.S. Address alert list contains addresses already validated when user accepted the suggested address.
- The suggested address is completely different location from the Entered Address
- How to enter addresses that have “1/2” in them, for example, 123 ½ Sesame St.

Address Problem: Batch Timing

Problem

- Inability to upload batch on first attempt
- Unable to retrieve batch at normal time
- Broken/corrupt batches

Cause

- Increased time to process each batch record because of address validation
- Seasonal high volume of batches

Solutions:

Turn address validation off at night when batches run. Address validation will run during the day for addresses entered in real time interface.

Broken/corrupt batches: email SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov with batch ID, school/program code, time of batch . SEVP will attempt to restore files



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SEVIS Release 6.22 Review

- SEVIS 6.22 released on August 21, 2015
- Resolved Release 6.21 Issues:
 - Search speed slow
 - DS-7002 printing error when multiple records (Batch resolution)
 - 500-name limit of the Name Standardization Report
 - Address special Zip Code issue (RTI resolution)
 - PDSOs did not have a link to register for batch processing or apply for recertification



SEVIS Release 6.22 Review

- Listing of Schools page redesigned:
 - Action Buttons moved above school selection
 - Page Legend moved below campus names
 - Last campus selected stays
- Ability to update OPT employer information when:
 - DSO Recommended End Date was in the past
 - Actual OPT End Date is in the future



SEVIS Release 6.22 Review

- Search functions enhanced:
 - Ability to do wildcard search on Given name
 - Further performance improvements for searches on exchange visitors, exchange visitor dependents and student dependents
 - Improved search speed
- Batch Addresses – Returned addresses are broken down by field



SEVIS Release 6.22 Review

- Increased Requests for Evidence Comments field to 10000 characters for:
 - Recertification
 - Initial Certification
 - Update
- Form I-20 “Other” Education Level field displays



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SEVIS 6.22 POST-RELEASE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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SEVIS ROADMAP



SEVIS Roadmap Schedule

- Proposed schedule of SEVIS releases:
 - November 2015 Release
 - Spring 2016 Release
 - June 2016 Release
- Due to DHS requirement, potential schedule change for November Release until end of November or early December 2015

Note: If the November 2015 Release is pushed out, this will not affect Batch planned updates.



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NOVEMBER 2015 RELEASE

Optional Practical Training (OPT)

November 2015 Release will:

- Remove the Employer Information fields from the page where OPT is recommended
- Add the ability to enter and view information on multiple employers



Add OPT Employment

- Has Met Full Year Indicator *
- OPT Type: *
 - Pre-Completion
 - Post-Completion
- Full-time/Part-time Indicator *
- DSO Recommended:
 - Start Date *
 - End Date *
- Student Remarks
- Employment Remarks

Add OPT Employment Authorization

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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

This text will print on page 2 of the form I-20

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

Employment Remarks

This text will print on page 1 of the form I-20

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)



Add OPT Employer

- Related Course Work Comment *
- Self-Employment Indicator
- Employer Name *
- Employer EIN
- Job Title [Student]
- Start Date [Employment] *
- End Date[Employment]
- Full-time/Part-time Indicator *
- Employer Address *
- Supervisor
 - Last Name
 - First Name
 - Telephone Number
 - Email Address
- Student Remarks

Add OPT Employer

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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 Requirements

- Deleting employers:
 - Can only be done in SEVIS RTI
 - Cannot delete employer in Batch
- STEM – Requires entry of Start Date with employer
- STEM Reporting – No changes



View Employment Information

- Add ability to view employer details
- Add ability to see number of consecutive days of unemployment – not cumulative

View Employment Information

Employment Information

All Employment

Active	Employment Type	FT/PT	Status	School	DSO Recommended		Actual		Level	Receipt																			
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F/M Student Data Requirements

Update F/M student information – requires phone number and email, for which there will be three options:

- U.S. telephone
- International telephone
- Indicator that student has no phone

Note: This does not apply to K-12 students or exchange visitors.



End Program Function – 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.

Improve Event History

- Add ability to see more detailed information
- Display of before and after values

Note: Will not change display of events that happened prior to the November 2015 Release.

Improve Event History

Event History									
Enter the date range and click the button to filter by event date									
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SPRING 2016 RELEASE



Spring 2016 Release Enhancements

- Fix how SEVIS terminates Cap-Gap record to prevent termination in wait-listing
- Allow SEVIS User to enter a transfer-in school code or school name when student is transferring out



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JUNE 2016 RELEASE



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

- Primary focus is on changes to business rules such as:
 - Improved workflow
 - Changes to business rules to improve data quality such as:
 - Date of Birth
 - Limit Acceptable CIP codes for certain courses of study
- Specific changes will be discussed in a future webinar



June 2016 – Certificate of Eligibility (F/M)

- Form I-20 – minor add/remove changes
- Add Initial Session Start Date (ISSD)
 - New student
 - Change of Educational Level
 - Transfer



June 2016 Release – Registration

- Student's arrival can be immediately reported
- Initial registration will be based on ISSD
- Ability to register without fully enrolling
- Address, telephone, and email will be required for continuing registration
- Student registration indicators:
 - Last session
 - Engaged in thesis or dissertation work during this session
 - Study/research abroad during this session



June 2016 Release – Registration

- Registration in RTI will be easier with Mass Registration
- Mass Registration for continuing students, who have all required information:
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - U.S. Address



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 – Form I-17

- Revising Form I-17
- Not taking any options away
- Most changes will be in workflow
- Adding interactive Help text to online entry form
- Adding ability to upload evidence
- Improve workflow
- Improve business rules



June 2016 Release – Correction Requests

With correction requests, you will be able to:

- Upload supporting documentation and evidence
- See when files are uploaded
- Identify types of correction requests
- See all correction requests from campus
- See all information about a correction request, including emails
- See all correction requests from campus

Note: RFI and supporting documentation files will not be stored in SEVIS, but behind firewalls for security.



June 2016 Release – SEVIS Help

- Update of SEVIS Help release capability
- SEVIS Help releases will not be tied to SEVIS software releases
- Will be able to update Help Text quicker



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FUTURE WEBINARS

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Future SEVIS Webinars – Scheduled

- **October 2, 2015** – Optional Practical Training (OPT) Webinar
- **November 6, 2015** – SEVIS Pre-Release 6.24 Webinar
- **December 11, 2015** – SEVIS Post-Release 6.24 Webinar



Future SEVIS Webinars – Unscheduled

- Registration
- Create New Student
- Form I-17 Workflow
- Correction Requests

Note: Topical SEVIS Webinar dates will be announced when closer to the release date(s).



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Other Resources

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- SEVIS Batch Email
 - SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov
- Department of State Email
 - jsevis@state.gov
- SEVP Response Center
 - SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVIS Help Desk
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