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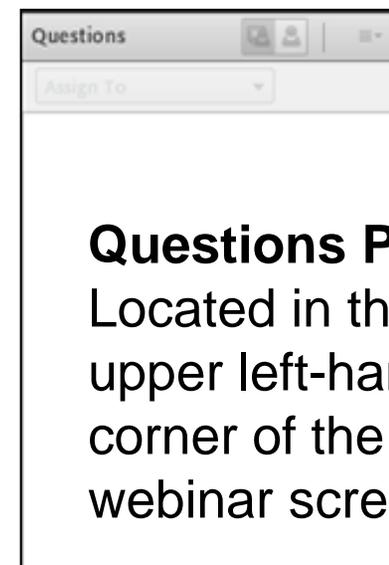
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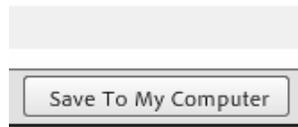
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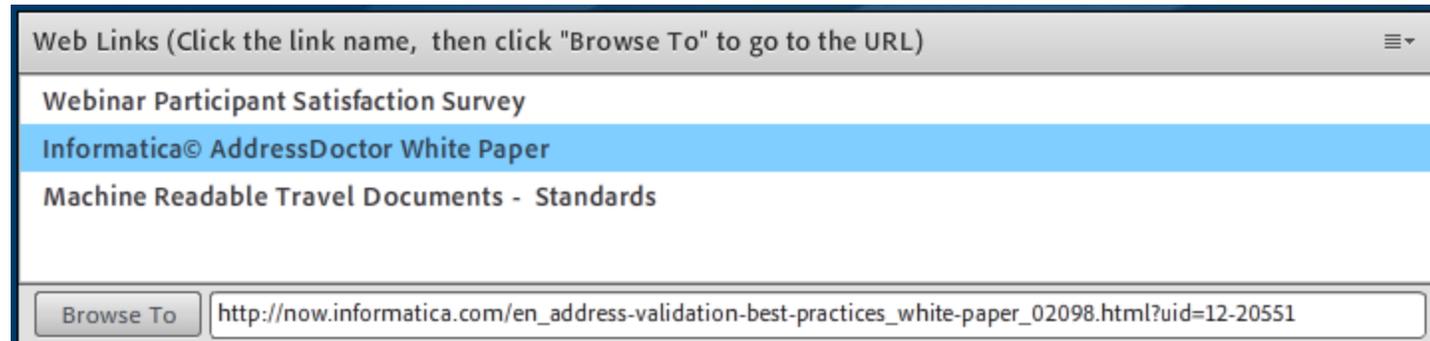
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Agenda

- Overview of OPT Enhancements
- Add, Edit, Cancel OPT
- Add, Edit, Delete OPT Employers
- Recommend OPT Extension (STEM)
- Report OPT Participation (STEM)
- Changes to Employment Information Page
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- New Tools to Manage Students on OPT
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Documents Available to Download Today

- SEVIS OPT Webinar Slides

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

OPT ENHANCEMENTS

OVERVIEW

OPT Webinar Scope

- Webinar purpose – Discuss SEVIS changes to be deployed in SEVIS Release 6.23.

- No changes to SEVP policies or regulations governing OPT.

- Webinar will not focus on OPT policy interpretation.

Note: Please limit questions to functionality discussed today.

WashTech Lawsuit Challenges STEM OPT

- DHS is aware of the court's ruling, and we are working on a draft rulemaking. We are working aggressively to meet the court's deadlines.

OPT Enhancements

- Release SEVIS 6.23 on November 20, 2015

- OPT enhancements provide:

  – Separate OPT recommendation from entry of employer information

  – More complete information about employment, including:

    - Dates of employment

    - Ability to add multiple employers

  – Improved enforcement of unemployment limits

OPT Enhancements

- Improvements to Employment Information page, to display:

    – OPT employer information

    – Number of consecutive days of unemployment accrued

- System termination of students who accrue 90 consecutive days of unemployment

ADD, EDIT, CANCEL OPT

AUTHORIZATION IN SEVIS

Add OPT Employment

Separate OPT recommendation from the entry of employer data

Add OPT Employment

Redesigned OPT Employment Page

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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* 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** *

[DD] / [MM] / [YYYY]   [DD] / [MM] / [YYYY]

Student Remarks

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Max 1000 characters (**1000** remaining)

Employment Remarks

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[Submit] [Cancel]

* Denotes Required Field

DEMONSTRATION

Add OPT Employment

ADD, EDIT, DELETE OPT

EMPLOYER INFORMATION IN SEVIS

Collecting Employer Information

Release 6.23 changes the ability to:

- Collect more complete information about the jobs that students take.

- Enter information about more than one employer.

- Enter employer information any time after the OPT is recommended.

Note: Student cannot start work until the USCIS-approved OPT start date.

Add OPT Employer

OPT Employment

[New OPT Request]

PRE-COMPLETION - PART TIME	Status	Receipt Number	
Active	APPROVED	ABC 1234567	[View]

OPT AUTHORIZATION DATES

OPT Dates	Start	End
DSO Recommended	09/01/2015	12/01/2015
USCIS Approved	09/01/2015	12/01/2015
Actual	09/01/2015	12/01/2015

Employers

[Add Employer]

Employer Name	Start	End	Actions
SEVP Building Museum	09/12/2015	11/20/2015	Edit Delete

[Return] [Print I-20]

Deleting Employers

Note for schools using batch processing: You can only delete an employer in SEVIS' Real Time Interface (RTI), because of the confirmations required to complete the task.

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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* 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 *

Add Employer Address

Supervisor Information

Last Name

First Name

Telephone Number Ext.

Email Address

Student Remarks

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

Save   Cancel

* Denotes Required Field

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Add, Edit, Delete OPT Employer

RECOMMEND OPT EXTENSION

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Recommend OPT Extension (STEM)

Recommend OPT Extension (STEM)

Extend OPT Employer

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies

Student Sample STEM

*Denotes required field.

Prior to recommending a 17-month extension for Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must ensure the student earned a STEM designated bachelors, masters, or doctorate degree. The STEM Designated Degree Program List is available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website). These students are also subject to the requirements found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). Your school must continue to maintain records on the student for the full period of the extension. The details of these rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). The CFR has been amended and the sections relevant to OPT are available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website).

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

Employer Address *

Add Employer Address

Supervisor Information

Last Name   **First Name**

Telephone Number   ext.   **Email Address**

Extend OPT Employer   Cancel

- **Same look as Add OPT Employer page**

- **Must provide required employer information, even if employer is the same as for post-completion OPT**

- **Start date required**

REPORT OPT PARTICIPATION (STEM)

Report OPT Participation (STEM)

- No change to functionality

- Access from the Student Information Page

- Link displays 15 days before 6- or 12-month due date, and up to 45 days after

- Have ability to add, edit, or delete employer

Report OPT Participation (STEM)

Report OPT Participation

Employer Information   Add

Employer Name (EIN)	Job Title	FT/PT	Start Date	End Date	City	State	Zip	Actions
XYZ Corp	Biochemical postdoctoral fellos	PART TIME	09/01/2015	08/02/2016	FORT WASHINGTON	MD	20744	Edit Delete
PDQ Corporation	Research Assistant	FULL TIME	03/03/2015	08/02/2016	VALRICO	FL	33594	Edit Delete

☐ By checking this box, I verify that the student has confirmed his or her current address and employment information

Report OPT Participation   Cancel

VIEW EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employment Information Page

- Page was added to SEVIS in April 2015

- Added ability to:

  – View employer details

  – See number of consecutive days of unemployment – not cumulative

View Employment Information

Employment Information

All Employment ▾ [Filter]

Active	Employment Type	FT/PT	Status	School	DSO Recommended		Actual		Level	Receipt
					Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date		
⊖ ●	STEM OPT	FULL TIME	APPROVED	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	03/03/2015	08/02/2016	03/03/2015	08/02/2016	DOCTORATE	XYZ125896321

Employer Name (EIN)	Job Title	FT/PT	Start Date	End Date	City	State	Zip	Explanation	
PDQ Corporation	Resear...	FT	03/03/2015	08/02/2016	VALRIC O	FL	33594	This position draws on the knowledge gained while pursuing the degree in biochemistry	Unemployment **0** Days Last Employment 08/02/2016

	Employment Type	FT/PT	Status	School	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Level	Receipt
	CPT	PART TIME	APPROVED	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	04/20/2015	09/01/2015	04/20/2015	09/01/2015	DOCTORATE	
⊕	POST-COMPLETION OPT	FULL TIME	APPROVED	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	03/03/2014	03/02/2015	03/03/2014	03/02/2015	DOCTORATE	XYZ369852147
	OFF-CAMPUS		APPROVED	SEVP Robertson School for Advanced Study	04/16/2014	05/30/2014	04/16/2014	05/30/2014	MASTER'S	
⊕	POST-COMPLETION OPT	FULL TIME	APPROVED	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	06/01/2013	04/30/2014	06/01/2013	04/30/2014	BACHELOR'S	EAC-13-23456789
⊕	PRE-COMPLETION OPT	PART TIME	APPROVED	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	01/05/2013	05/30/2013	01/05/2013	05/30/2013	BACHELOR'S	EAC13-12345678

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DEMONSTRATION

Understanding the Employment Information Page

NEW SYSTEM ACTIONS

System Change: Conversion of Records with Approved OPT

Type of OPT Record	System Action
Post-completion OPT record has employer information	• Populates Employer Start Date with Actual OPT Start Date • Populates Employer End Date with Actual OPT End Date
Post- completion OPT record lacks employer information	• Begins count of consecutive days of unemployment. Count begins with Actual OPT Start Date. • Will not terminate these records until the functionality is turned on.

System Change: Termination for Exceeding Allowed Unemployment

- Functionality included in November 2015 release, but will be turned off to allow DSOs to work with students to update records.

- Functionality will be turned on in Spring 2016.

- System terminations are for 90 consecutive days of unemployment.

System Change: Termination for Exceeding Allowed Unemployment

System terminations are for 90 consecutive days of unemployment.

Note: Regulations only allow for 90 days of TOTAL unemployment. SEVP can manually terminate a student record for exceeding 90 cumulative days of unemployment.

System Change: Employer End Date

On the Actual OPT End Date, SEVIS will fill in the Employer End date with the Actual OPT End Date.

TOOLS TO MANAGE STUDENTS ON OPT

Conversion Report

Report Name: Students with Active OPT Employment Prior to the November 2016 Release:

- SEVIS ID
- Type of OPT
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- OPT Actual Start Date
- OPT Actual End Date
- Employer Name

OPT Alert List

Students who have Approved OPT without Current Employer Information:

- SEVIS ID
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- OPT Type (Post-completion or STEM OPT)
- OPT Actual Start Date
- OPT Actual End Date
- Latest OPT employment end date
- Number of days since the last employment date

New OPT List

Students Terminated for Exceeding the Maximum Number of Days of Unemployment:

- SEVIS ID
- Class of Admission
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- Termination Date
- OPT Type

OPT Regulations and Policy

- 8 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 214.2(f)(10) through(12)

- 8 CFR 214.2(m)(13) through (14)

- 8 CFR 214.3(g)(2)

- SEVP Policy Guidance on OPT

FUTURE WEBINARS

Future SEVIS Webinars – Scheduled

- **November 6, 2015** – SEVIS Pre-Release 6.23 Webinar

- **December 11, 2015** – SEVIS Post-Release 6.23 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).

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**

- SEVIS Batch Email

    - **SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov**

- SEVP Response Center

    - **SEVP@ice.dhs.gov**

- SEVIS Help Desk

    - **800-892-4829**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS