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**SEVIS 6.25 Pre-Release Webinar**  
**March 4, 2016**



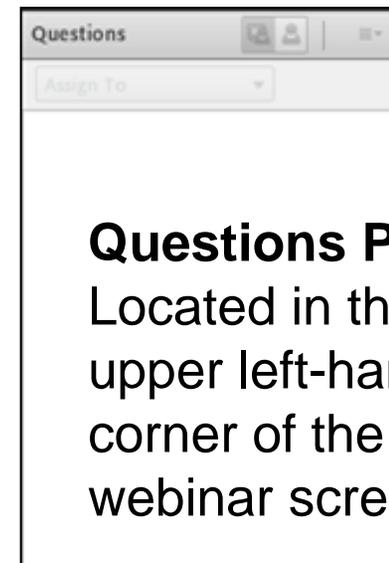
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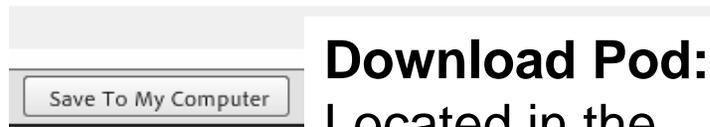
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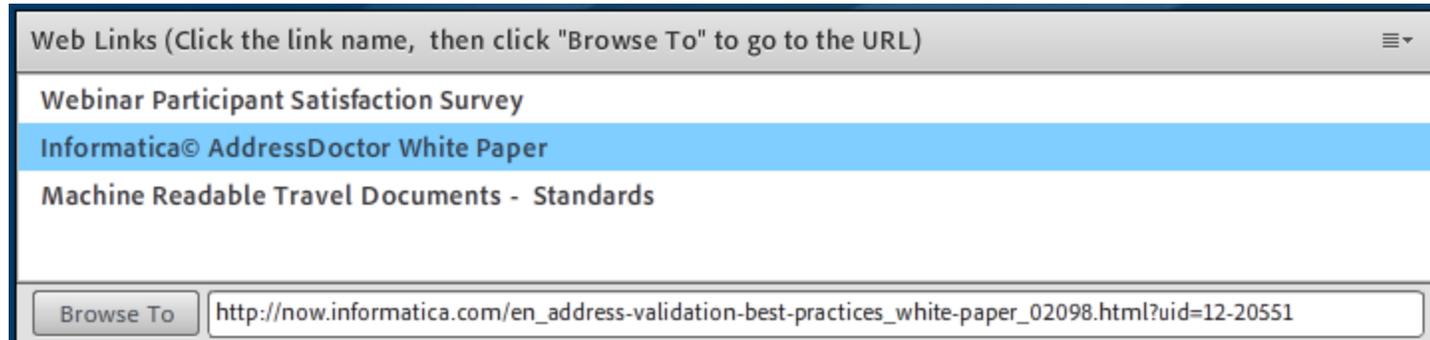
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- Pre-Release 6.25 Webinar Slides
- F-1 Cap Gap Extension User Guide

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## Presenters

- **Ann Balough**, Lead, SEVIS Program Development and Management Section and SEVIS Business Project Manager
- **Jared Allen**, SEVIS Webinar Facilitator

## Webinar Agenda

- SEVIS Release 6.25 enhancements:
  - Improvements to cap gap extensions
  - Minor improvement when searching for schools in the transfer-out process
  - Downloadable report for students and dependents without a new Form I-20 **Release issues**
- Future webinars
- Resources
- Q&A



# **SEVIS RELEASE 6.25 SCHEDULE**

## SEVIS Release 6.25 Schedule

- Date: Friday, March 18, 2016
- Time: 8 PM
- Duration: 4 hours or less
- No expected interruption to normal processes

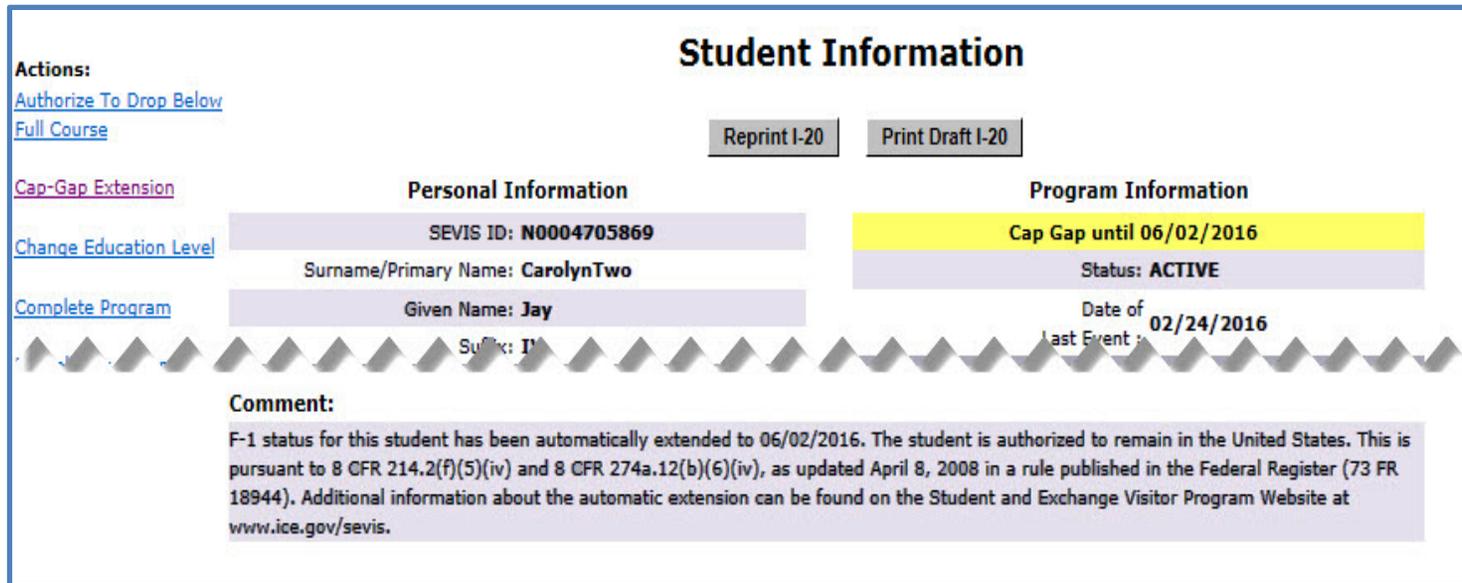


# **SEVIS RELEASE 6.25 ENHANCEMENTS**

# Cap Gap Extension Improvements

When cap gap extension is added to the record:

- Cap gap indicator displayed at top of the *Student Information* page and a comment at the bottom:



**Student Information**

**Actions:**  
[Authorize To Drop Below Full Course](#)    [Reprint I-20](#)    [Print Draft I-20](#)

[Cap-Gap Extension](#)    **Personal Information**    **Program Information**

[Change Education Level](#)    SEVIS ID: **N0004705869**    **Cap Gap until 06/02/2016**

[Complete Program](#)    Surname/Primary Name: **CarolynTwo**    Status: **ACTIVE**

Given Name: **Jay**    Date of Last Event: **02/24/2016**

Suffix: **I**

**Comment:**  
F-1 status for this student has been automatically extended to 06/02/2016. The student is authorized to remain in the United States. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Website at [www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis).

## Cap Gap Extension Improvements

When cap gap extension is added to the record:

- Comment displayed in Cap-Gap Extension section of the *Request/Authorization Details* page:

**Current Request/Authorization Details**

F-1 Student  
**CarolynTwo IV, Jay**  
SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies  
Start Date: 04/24/2015 End Date: 02/24/2016

Status: **ACTIVE**  
SEVIS ID: **N0004705869**

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CPT Employment:  No Current CPT Employment

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Cap-Gap Extension: **WAITLISTED**  
Petition Status: **04/14/2016**  
Date of Request:  
Comment: **F-1 status for this student has been automatically extended to 07/28/2016. The student is authorized to remain in the United States. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Website at [www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis).**

Change of Status: **No Pending Change of Status Request**

## Cap Gap Extension Improvements

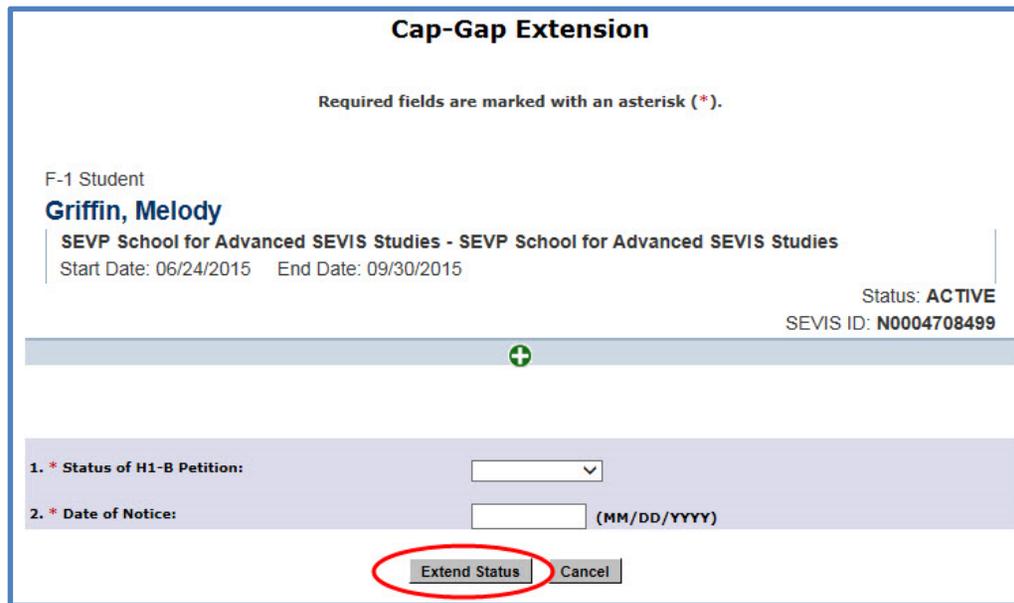
When cap gap extension is added to the record:

- Comment printed on Page 2 of Form I-20:

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION			
REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE
H1-B	FILED		14 APRIL 2016
<b>COMMENT</b> F-1 status for this student has been automatically extended to 06/02/2016. The student is authorized to remain in the United States. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Website at <a href="http://www.ice.gov/sevis">www.ice.gov/sevis</a> .			

## Cap Gap Rejection Improvements

- **Rejected** option added to **Status of H-1B Petition** drop-down list in the *Cap-Gap Extension* page.
- **Date of Notice** is required, if **Rejected** option is selected.



The screenshot shows the 'Cap-Gap Extension' form for an F-1 student named Melody Griffin. The form includes fields for the student's name, school, start and end dates, and SEVIS ID. The status is listed as 'ACTIVE'. Below this information, there are two required fields: '1. \* Status of H1-B Petition:' with a dropdown menu, and '2. \* Date of Notice:' with a date input field labeled '(MM/DD/YYYY)'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Extend Status' and 'Cancel'. The 'Extend Status' button is circled in red.

**Note:** The **Date Of Notice** cannot be in the future or more than 90 days in the past. If the date is more than 90 days in the past, user receives an error message.

## Cap Gap Completion of Record

- Correcting issue with improper completion of student record.
- SEVIS will complete the student record based on cap gap “Extended to” date, rather than based on Program End Date or OPT End Date.

## Transfer-Out Process

Search for transfer-out schools with school code:

- Able to search by school name with a wildcard at the beginning and/or end of the name.

**School/Campus Search**

School Name:   
(allows wildcard \* as input, e.g. \*Was\*)

School Code:

School/ Campus Search Results List

School Code	School Name	Campus Name	Address
<a href="#">WAS214F77779000</a>	SEVIS ADM	Campus Name	1111 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202
<a href="#">WAS214F65644000</a>	SEVIS School for Advanced Security Studies	Main Campus	a Arlington, VA 22202
<a href="#">BAL214F44444000</a>	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	9002 Nancy Lane Ft. Washington, MD 20744
<a href="#">BAL214F44444001</a>	SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SMU Technical Institute	621 Holly Corner Road Fredericksburg, VA 22406
<a href="#">WAS214F32411000</a>	University of SEVIS	University of SEVIS Arlington	2451 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202

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- If there is more than one school or campus that fits the search, SEVIS returns the list of choices.

## Downloadable Report

*Students and Dependents without a Record of an Updated Form I-20, 'Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status'*

- Lists students and dependents where SEVIS does not have a record indicating that Form I-20 has been reprinted for them.
- Based on mass reprint.
- Reprinted for a reason.

**Note:** Some students/dependents may have had a form printed for them as part of a record update; but SEVIS does not capture this information.



# RELEASE ISSUES

## For Release Issues

- Send email to  
**SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov**
- Include in email:
  - Description of actions taking place when incident occurred.
  - Screen shots of issue.



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# **FUTURE WEBINARS**

## Future SEVIS Webinars

Date	Topic
March 4, 2016 at 2 PM <b>(Today)</b>	Batch Update Webinar
April 1, 2016	Certificate of Eligibility Webinar
April 29, 2016	SEVIS Registration Webinar
May 20, 2016	Form I-17 Webinar (Basic Form I-17 Update)
June 10, 2016	SEVIS 6.27 Pre-Release Webinar

**Note:** New Form I-17 will be released in late summer. (Estimated date of release is August 2016). Changes are being made to the Form I-17, but DSOs do not have to change anything that is already in SEVIS.



# RESOURCES

## Release Resources

- Pre-Release 6.25 Webinar Slides
- F-1 Cap Gap Extension User Guide
- SEVIS Transfer Out Student User Guide
- SEVIS Release 6.25 Planning Guide  
(March 2016)
  - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/sevis-enhancements>

**Note:** Available on Study in the States and Webinar Download Pod.

## 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)
- SEVIS Batch Email
  - [SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov)
- Department of State Email
  - [jsevis@state.gov](mailto:jsevis@state.gov)
- SEVP Response Center
  - [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov)
- SEVIS Help Desk
  - 800-892-4829
  - [SEVISHelpdesk@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISHelpdesk@ice.dhs.gov)



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS