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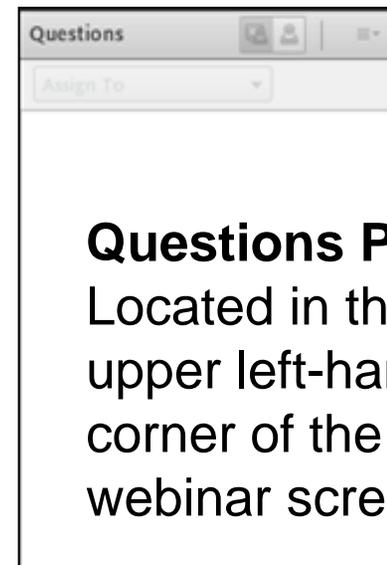
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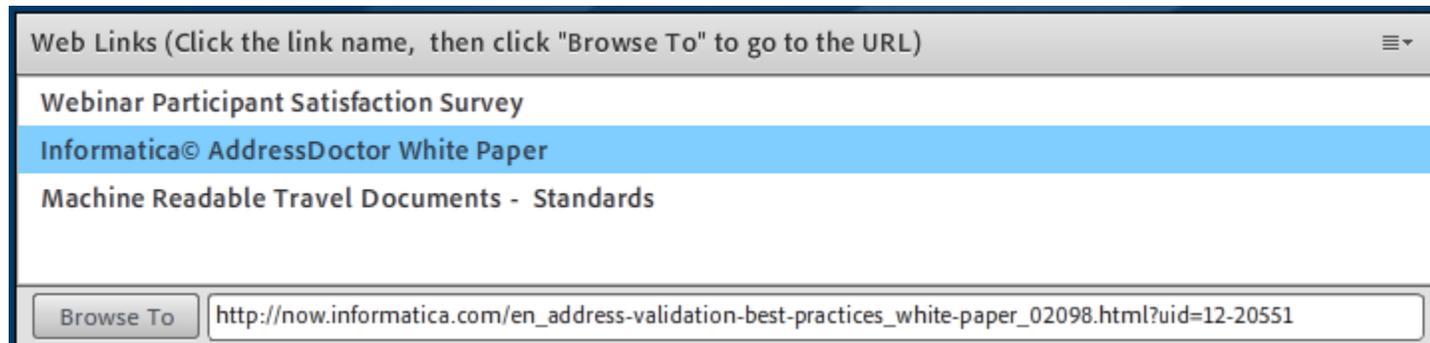
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Agenda

- SEVIS Release 6.23 review
- Release 6.23 key issues
- Annual verification of school/sponsor officials
- Resources
- Question and Answer Session



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SEVIS 6.23 Post-Release Webinar Slides

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RELEASE 6.23 REVIEW

Release Review

- Redesigned login page
- Event History
- F/M Student Information block on SEVIS pages
- Address Doctor improvements
- Mass Reprint update
- Shorten program (J-program)
- DS-2019 bar code (J-program)
- Validation update (J-program)
- Operational Practical Training (OPT)
- F/M student email address and telephone number



Shorten Program (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.



DS-2019 Bar Code (J-Program)

Bar code will no longer print on the
Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor
(J-1) Status (DS-2019).

Validation Update

Validate Program
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

A program cannot be validated more than 30 days before the Program Begin Date.

J-1 Exchange Visitor (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)		Date of Last Event: 11/02/2015
Aandersen, Aaron MALE DOB: 05/20/1990		Status: INITIAL SEVIS ID: N0004717333
Email Address:		
Program: DoS University Program P-2-14608		Category: SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR
Program Begin/End: 01/10/2016 - 04/30/2016		Occupational Category:
Country of Citizenship: ECUADOR		Port of Entry:
1. *U.S. Address		
Physical Address: Not Entered		
2. Email Address: <input type="text"/>		
3. Telephone Number: (<input type="text"/>) <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>		
4. Passport Number: <input type="text"/>		
5. Passport Issuing Country: <input type="text"/>		
6. Passport Expiration Date: <input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)		
7. Visa Number: <input type="text"/>		
8. Post/Country of Visa Issuance: <input type="text"/>		
9. Visa Expiration Date: <input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)		
10. Visa Issue Date: <input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)		
11. Port of Entry: <input type="text"/>		
12. Date of Entry: <input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)		
<input type="button" value="Validate Program"/> <input type="button" value="Reset Values"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>		

- Validation message displays if the RO/ARO tries to validate program participation more than 30 days before the Program Begin Date.
- Validate Program and Reset Values buttons are disabled.

Note: This applies to Batch also.

Address Doctor

- Address Doctor was turned back on for batch.
- Validation parameters were lowered for addresses, especially useful for Batch users.
- Override function is operational in Batch.
- Cannot use '1/2' number.

System Change: Conversion of Records with Approved OPT

Type of OPT Record	System Action
Post-completion OPT record has employer information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begins count of consecutive days of unemployment. Count begins with Actual OPT Start Date.• Will not terminate these records until the STEM OPT rule is final.

System Change: Termination for Exceeding Allowed Unemployment

- Functionality was included in December 2015 release, but will be turned off to allow DSOs to work with students to update records.
- Functionality will be turned on when STEM OPT rule is final.
- System terminations will be for consecutive days of unemployment that exceed the regulatory limits.



F/M Student Telephone and Email

DSOs are required to enter F/M student information – telephone number and email address:

- December 6, 2015 - Student's email address and telephone number are now required whenever personal information is updated on a student record.
- June 2016 – Student's email address and telephone number required upon continuing registration.
- Report will be corrected for the emergency release.

Note: This does not apply to K-12 students or M-1 students under 14.

Missing Contact Information Report

Report Name: List of Active Students for Whom a Telephone Number and/or E-mail Address is Missing:

- Primary/Family Name
- Given/First Names
- SEVIS ID
- Date of Birth
- Program End Date
- Education Level
- Current Post-Completion OPT
- Telephone Number
- E-mail Address



Release Resources

- Pre-Release 6.23 Webinar Slides
- F/M Student Missing Telephone Number and Email Address User Guide
- Event History Job Aid
- Changes to Form I-20 Fact Sheet
- DSO Update Process Fact Sheet
- F-1 OPT User Guide
- M-1 Practical Training User Guide
- OPT Report Employer User Guide
- Employment Information Page User Guide

Note: Available on Study in the States at

<http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/sevis-enhancements/sevis-release-623-planning-guide>



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RELEASE 6.23 ISSUES

Release 6.23 OPT Issues

Issue	Status
<p>Records of students on post-completion OPT were terminated for exceeding allowed period of unemployment.</p>	<p>DSOs are worried about students traveling when the record is terminated.</p> <p>Records terminated for exceeding unemployment are automatically reactivated by SEVIS each night.</p> <p>An emergency release will turn off the rule to terminate records for exceeding unemployment days.</p>
<p>Student records are completing using the OPT DSO recommended dates, rather than the Actual OPT dates.</p>	<p>An emergency release will correct this.</p>
<p>OPT Employment Remarks no longer printing on Form I-20; true for both Batch and RTI.</p>	<p>SEVP removed the employment remarks from the Form I-20. Materials released prior to the release informed users of this.</p>
<p>For some schools, when DSO clicks the check box to indicate that the student has met the one academic year requirement, SEVIS is not acknowledging DSO's selection.</p>	<p>Developers are currently researching Help Desk Tickets that have been submitted for this issue.</p>

Release 6.23 OPT Issues

Issue	Status
<p>Full-time/part-time indicator for-employers did not populate when converting data. Unemployment counter has incorrect value and for some schools, the “Students who have Approved OPT without Current Employer Information” alert list is incorrectly populated.</p>	<p>The alert list issue is occurring intermittently. If you see a student on the “Students who have Approved OPT without Current Employer Information” list who should not be there, update the full-time/part-time information for that employer. SEVP has been unable to reproduce this problem.</p>

Release 6.23 Issues

Issue	Status
School address printing on the I-20 has changed.	An emergency release will return the address to the mailing address.
Report of students missing email and phone numbers does not download.	Report has been temporarily removed. An emergency release will fix this.
Inability to see new menu bar options in Firefox	SEVP is researching this.
Duplicate DSO names displaying in DSO Verification page.	<p>Unrelated to release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This issue occurred for some schools last year. • Schools that have this issue should email SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov to be added to the list of schools under review by developers.

Release 6.23 Batch Issues

Issue	Status
Batch editing OPT employer does not add a new employer entry rather than overwriting null employer name.	Planned for Emergency Release. Populate null values with “No Employer Name.”
Batch Transaction Log is not complying with schema.	Planned for Emergency Release.



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SEVIS SCHOOL/SPONSOR ANNUAL VERIFICATION AND PDSO/DSO UPDATES – ONGOING

Annual SEVIS School/Sponsor Verification

SEVIS P/DSO Verification

Frequency of Verification	Annually
Length of Verification Period	3 months
Verification Period	December 2 to March 2
Deadline Date	March 3 at 12:01 AM (ET)
Notification Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadcast Message announcement• Message upon logging into SEVIS• Confirmation email at a successful verification completion



Annual SEVIS School/Sponsor Verification

Consequences of not verifying by March 2nd:

- DSOs and AROs at schools and sponsors with any unverified officials lose access to SEVIS.
- Batch access is lost.
- Only further action PDSOs can take is to verify their DSOs.
- Only further action ROs can take is to verify their AROs.
- School is considered out of compliance with reporting requirements and may receive a Remedial Action Plan.



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RESOURCES



Report Release Issues

- Email **SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov**
 - Describe actions taking place when incident occurred.
 - Include screen shots of issue.
- Batch issues:
 - Email:
 - ✉ SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov
 - ✉ SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov
 - Enter **Batch Issues** in Subject Line.
 - Make email **High Importance**.



Demonstration Resources

- Add, Edit, Cancel OPT Authorization
 - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/assets/sevis-help-hub/request-opt-sevis-help-hub/story.html>
- Add, Edit, or Delete OPT Employer
 - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/assets/sevis-help-hub/opt-employer-oct-2015-sevis-help-hub/story.html>
- Understanding the Employment Information Page
 - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/assets/sevis-help-hub/sevis-employment-information-page-demonstration/story.html>



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
- Department of State Email
 - jsevis@state.gov
- SEVP Response Center
 - SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVIS Help Desk
 - **800-892-4829**



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SEVIS 6.23 POST-RELEASE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS