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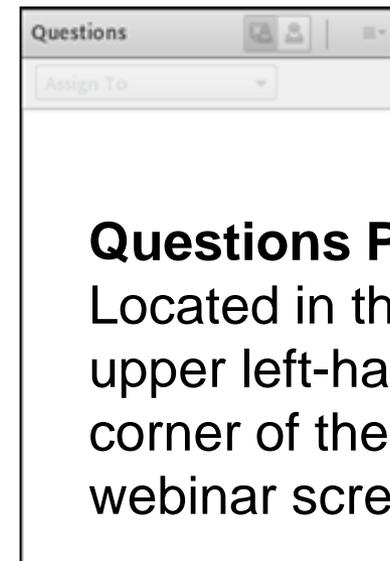
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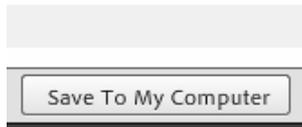
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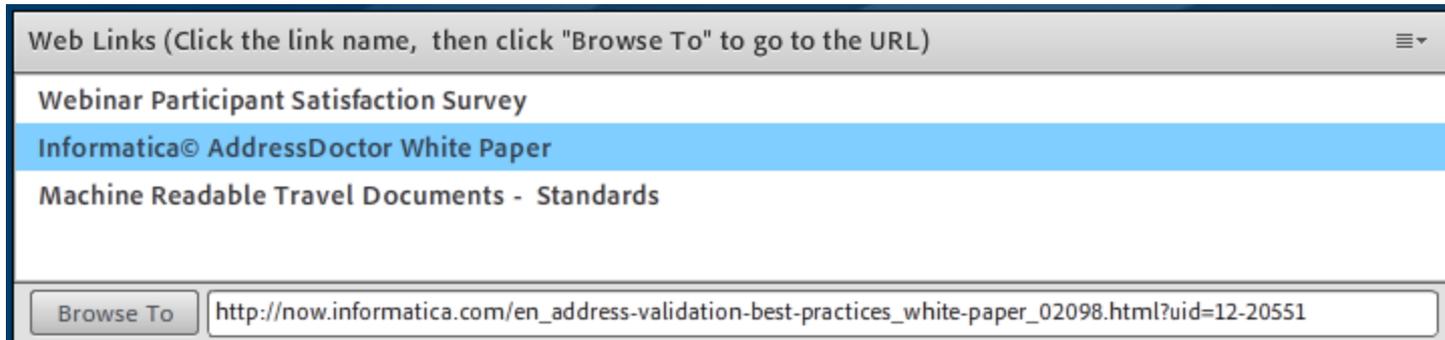


Documents Available To Download Today

- SEVIS 2015 Roadmap Webinar Slides
- PDSO/DSO Annual Verification User Guide
- RO/ARO Annual Verification Quick Reference Guide
- DSO Update Process Fact Sheet
- DSO/ARO Verification FAQ (Updated 2015-01-26)

Note: Also look on Study in the States for additional SEVIS Annual Verification initiative information.

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Agenda

SEVIS 2015 Roadmap Webinar

- Annual User Verification Initiative Update
- Help Hub Introduction
- Spring, Summer, and Fall Releases
- Questions and Answers
- Resources

SEVIS Outreach

Individualized **SEVIS Webinars** – and **Help Documentation** – will address all the upcoming functionality contained in the Spring, Summer, and Fall releases.

Annual Verification Reminder



- **Deadline** for the 2014/2015 Annual Verification initiative is **March 2, 2015**.
- If you have not completed the verification yet, SEVIS Verification information is available today in the Download Pod.

SEVIS Help Hub

- Central access point for all F/M SEVIS-related information
- Interactive user experience
- SEVIS page information integrated with ICE.gov/SEVIS
- Entrance point will be Study in the States website

SEVIS Help Hub Status

Now: Identifying all available SEVIS content

Soon: Consolidation of content and addition of new information

Rollout: Scheduled for April 2015 with limited content

Future: Continuous SEVIS content updates

March 2015 Release – Batch Only

- Address validation functionality for batch users and/or software developers
- Release to Alpha Test Environment
- Batch Users' Conference Call (date TBD) will answer usability questions
- T/IPP functionality completed in Batch (webinar early June 2015)

April 2015 Release

Employment Information Page

- New page content
- History for F-1 employment types all listed in one place:
 - 1) CPT
 - 2) Pre- and Post-Completion OPT
 - 3) Severe Economic Hardship
 - 4) Approved International Organization Employment

April 2015 Release (continued)

OPT Dates Bug Fix

Issue	Resolution
SEVIS improperly overwriting the DSO-Recommended OPT dates with the date received by USCIS	Fixed



June 2015 Release

- Name, address, and email standards
- Search functionality improvements
- Downloads and bulk printing of Forms I-20 and DS-2019
- Revised Forms I-20 and DS-2019



June 2015 Release (continued)

- Training/Internship Placement Plan (T/IPP for J-1)
- Interface updates
- Student/EV header new “look”
- Updated landing page

Fall and Winter Releases

- **OPT Employment Information:**
 - Date collection – additional fields
 - Ability to add employers vs. overwriting information
 - More detailed history
- **Last Day of Valid Stay Indicator**

User Manual Updates – On-Going

- Style updated
- Content edited in real-time to reflect updated or additional functionality

User Manual Updates – On-Going

- Definitions being reviewed for consistency and accuracy across all user manuals
- Help information will be more comprehensive moving forward

Note: Step-by-step information will be supplemented with process overviews and background information, so content can be put into context.



Questions and Answers

Resources

Study in the States Website

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

Other Resources

- SEVIS Technical Feedback Email:
 - SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov
- Department of State Email: jsevis@state.gov
- SEVP Response Center: SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
- SEVIS Help Desk: **800-892-4829**; SEVISHelpDesk@ice.dhs.gov