

SEVP Conference Bulletin

SEVP Webinar Series

Ask the Experts: PDSO & DSO Updates

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will continue the SEVP Webinar Series with the first Ask the Experts webinar airing live on Feb. 9, 2016, from 1 – 2 p.m. EST. This webinar series allows stakeholders who are unable to attend a conference or event in-person the opportunity to hear the latest about principal designated school official (PDSO) and designated school official (DSO) updates directly from SEVP.

During the webinar, SEVP School Certification Unit adjudicators will discuss the way forward for PDSO and DSO updates, as well as the progress the program has made with reducing the updates backlog. Adjudicators from the SEVP School Certification Unit will give a brief presentation and then answer pre-submitted stakeholder questions on the PDSO and DSO updates process. If you want to hear your question during the webinar, email SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov through the end of January.

A [recording](#) and webinar transcript of the Ask the Experts webinar will be available one week after the event on the Study in the States [Stakeholder Webinars page](#). You will also be able to download an accompanying executive summary and hyperlink appendix during and after the webinar.

For more information about the SEVP Webinar Series, visit the Study in the States [Stakeholder Webinars page](#).

SEVP Releases Stakeholder Issues Response Report

Last month, SEVP released the first [Stakeholder Issues Response Report](#). This 13-page report includes a personal message from SEVP Director Lou Farrell and addresses many different topics identified during the 2015 NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo.

Some of the topics discussed include processing times for Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student" updates, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) functionality, and SEVP Response Center support, among others.

Call for Questions: Ask the Experts Webinar

Have questions about the new PDSO and DSO updates process or the status of PDSO/DSO updates? Submit questions for the upcoming Ask the Experts webinar to SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov. We will answer your questions during the live webinar on Feb. 9, 2016.

PDSOs and DSOs: Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Verification Project

The [Annual PDSO and DSO Verification Project](#) began on Dec. 2, 2015. SEVP encourages PDSOs to complete this required verification of all DSOs in SEVIS as soon as possible. Failure to complete verification by the March 2, 2016 deadline will result in loss of SEVIS access for all DSOs at a school.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov. Did you recently attend an SEVP conference or join in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the [Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey](#) on Study in the States to provide feedback on our outreach events.

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