

SEVP Conference Bulletin

In The Know

Meet the Subject Matter Expert

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Who is eligible to be a DSO?

Having dedicated employees for assisting and overseeing F and M students is one of several requirements a school must meet to become SEVP certified. Anyone who wants to serve as a [designated school official \(DSO\)](#) must be a regularly employed member of the school's administration. A DSO must be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States. If your job duties include recruiting international students and you're not sure if you're eligible to be a DSO, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or sevp@ice.dhs.gov. Learn more about who can be a DSO on [Study in the States](#).

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NOTABLE EVENTS

SEVP Draft Guidance Feedback

Did you miss the deadline for offering feedback on the Bridge Program and Conditional Admission draft guidance this past May and June? Visit [Study in the States](#) to [sign up](#) to receive notification when we post new draft guidance available for comment. We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Live Question and Answer Session

SEVP hosted its inaugural live question and answer session, June 20. SEVP subject matter experts provided real-time answers to questions, with more than 450 participants in attendance. Inquiries ranged from changes in visa status to online course guidance.

The webinar was "extremely informative," noted one stakeholder, and "the session provided an opportunity to learn new things."

We plan to present another live question and answer session this fall. For more information on the upcoming session, and to view a recording of the June 20 session, visit our [live question and answer page](#) on [Study in the States](#).

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