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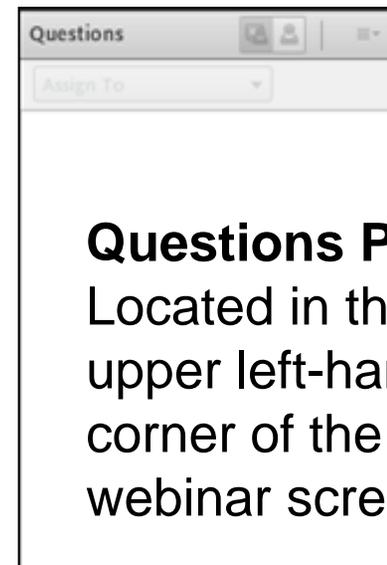
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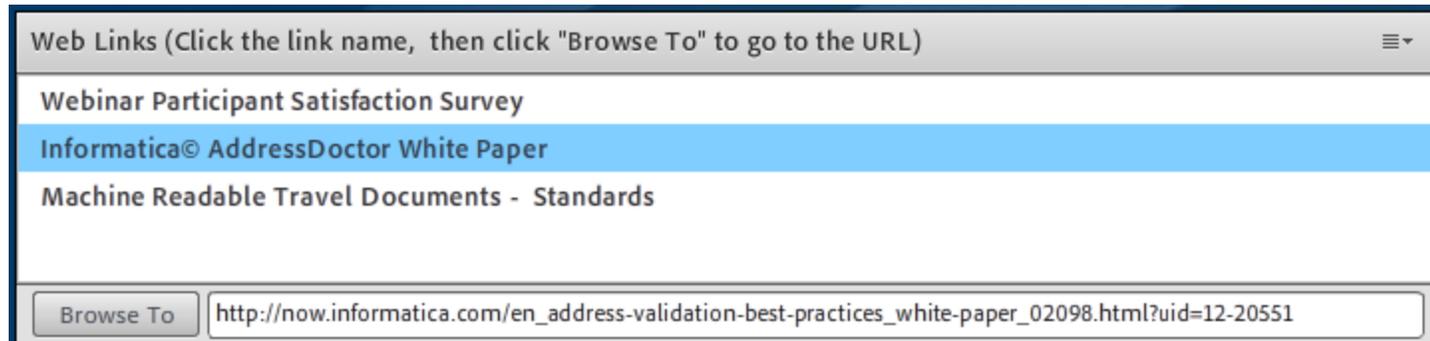
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Presenters

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Agenda

- **SEVIS Release 6.23 enhancements:**
 - Address Doctor improvements
 - Mass Reprint update
 - Redesigned login page
 - 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
 - Event History
 - F/M Student Information block on SEVIS pages



Agenda (cont.)

- Annual verification of school/sponsor officials
- P/DSO backlog update
- Future webinars
- Resources
- Q&A



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SEVIS RELEASE 6.23 SCHEDULE



SEVIS Release 6.23 Schedule

- Date: Friday, December 4, 2015
- Time: 8 PM
- Duration: 4 hours

Note: The SEVIS 6.23 release date was delayed two weeks to allow Batch developers and users additional time to test the changes required for the release.



SEVIS Release 6.23 Notification

Informed Government partners of Release 6.23 changes:

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Department of State Consular Affairs



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Redesigned Login Page

New: Login page is redesigned.

The screenshot shows the SEVIS login page with a dark blue header. The header contains the U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo, the text 'SEVIS Student & Exchange Visitor Information System', and the phone number '1-800-892-4829 SEVIS Help Desk'. The main content area is white and features a 'Sign In' section with 'User Name:' and 'Password:' labels, each followed by a text input field. Below the fields is a consent statement: 'By clicking "Login", you agree to our Security Consent'. There are two buttons: a blue 'Login' button and a white 'Register for New Account' button. A link 'Forgot Your Password?' is located below the buttons. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Department of Homeland Security Consent' followed by a detailed paragraph of legal text regarding system access and privacy.



Redesigned Navigation Bar



New on Navigation Bar:

1. User Name displayed
2. User Roles displayed
3. Search for nonimmigrant by SEVIS ID across all the schools and programs where you have access
4. SEVIS Help Desk telephone number
5. Logout link relocated

Expandable F/M Student Information Block

- Opens in expanded view
- Click **Minus Sign** to collapse
- Collapsed view

F-1 Student Forland, Steffan		SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies Start Date: 09/15/2014 End Date: 09/14/2015	Status: ACTIVE SEVIS ID: N0004705542
GENDER	MALE	EMAIL	
DOB	02/05/1957		
PREFERRED NAME	Steffan Forland	U.S. ADDRESS	105 N PORT ST
PASSPORT NAME		Address2	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	NORWAY	Baltimore , MD 21224	
CITIZENSHIP	NORWAY		

Enter the date range and click the button to filter by event date

Expand All Search: From: To: Filter

Event Name	Event Date	Resulting Status	Performed By
Program Information Updated	09/14/2015 09:45:00	ACTIVE	Ingrid Mercer

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Enter the date range and click the button to filter by event date

Expand All Search: From: To: Filter

Event Name	Event Date	Resulting Status	Performed By
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Improved Event History

- 1 Expand all “expandable” events at one time
- 2 Filter by type of event
- 3 Filter by date range
- 4 Sort by column headers
- 5 Expand/collapse event detail
- 6 View event details – displays before and after values for events after December 2015 Release.

Event History

F-1 Student SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP Status: ACTIVE
Testy, Test School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVIS ID: N0004705861
 Start Date: 04/24/2012 End Date: 04/24/2016

Expand All 1

Search: 2

Enter the date range and click the button to filter by event date 3

From: To: Filter

Event Name	Event Date	Resulting Status	Performed By																		
+ Registration 5	10/18/2015 20:18:05	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
- Address Update	10/18/2015 20:15:23	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
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State	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA																			
Postal Code	21224	22201																			
Personal Information Updated	10/18/2015 20:15:22	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
Off-Campus Employment Requested	10/18/2015 20:13:16	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
CPT Employment	10/18/2015 19:58:34	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
OPT Employment Request Canceled	09/29/2015 19:12:06	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
OPT Employment Updated	09/29/2015 19:08:35	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
OPT Recommendation for Pre-Completion OPT	09/29/2015 18:47:35	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
Personal Information Updated	09/29/2015 18:41:49	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
E-Mail Address Update	09/29/2015 18:41:49	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
+ Name Updated	09/29/2015 18:41:49	ACTIVE	Helene Robertson																		
of Session Dates	09/29/2015 18:41:49	ACTIVE	Official																		
+ Address	09/29/2015 11:11:10	ACTIVE	Ann v...																		
Record Created	04/24/2015 11:11:10	INITIAL	Ann Vamasiri																		

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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		Status: INITIAL
MALE DOB: 05/20/1990		SEVIS ID: N0004717333
Email Address:		
Program: DoS University Program		Category: SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR
P-2-14608		Occupational Category:
Program Begin/End: 01/10/2016 - 04/30/2016		Port of Entry:
Country of Citizenship: ECUADOR		
1. *U.S. Address		
Physical Address:		
Not Entered		
2. Email Address:	<input type="text"/>	
3. Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="() -"/>	
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 will be 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.

Mass Reprint Issue

- Unable to reproduce Mass Reprint issue at SEVP.
- Many changes have been made to the environment, so the issue may be resolved.
- Limit on using mass reprint request function has been reduced from seven days to two days.

Mass Reprint Issue (cont.)

- SEVIS holds files for seven days.
- If the mass reprint issue still occurs, follow guidance in Broadcast Message 1510-04, SEVIS Mass Reprint Problems, for needed information.

Note: Department of State does not have any issues with the mass reprint.

OPT Employment

Release 6.23 enables:

- Collecting more complete information about the jobs that students take.
- Entering information about more than one employer.
- Entering employer information any time after the OPT is recommended.

Note: Student cannot start work until the USCIS-approved OPT start date.

Add OPT Employment

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<p>F-1 Student Testy, Test</p>	<p>SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies</p> <p>Start Date: 04/24/2012 End Date: 04/24/2016</p>	<p>Status: ACTIVE</p> <p>SEVIS ID: N0004705861</p>
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GENDER	MALE	EMAIL	TT5@xyz.com
DOB	02/05/1957	U.S. ADDRESS	105 N PORT ST
PREFERRED NAME	Test Testy		Address2
PASSPORT NAME			Baltimore , MD 21224
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	UNITED KINGDOM		
CITIZENSHIP	UNITED KINGDOM		

Prior to recommending Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must ensure that the training complies with the rules governing OPT. You must also ensure that the student is aware of his/her obligation to report changes in employment information (to include periods of unemployment) and changes in his/her address. The school must continue to maintain records on the student for the full period of OPT. The details of these rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f) (10) to (f)(13). The CFR has been amended and the sections relevant to OPT are available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website).

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Add OPT Employment

- Has Met Full Year Indicator *
- OPT Type: *
 - Pre-Completion
 - Post-Completion
- Full-time/Part-time Indicator *
- DSO Recommended:
 - Start Date *
 - End Date *
- Student Remarks
- Employment Remarks

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Enter SEVIS ID

F-1 Student
Testy, Test

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies
Start Date: 04/24/2012 End Date: 04/24/2016

Status: ACTIVE
SEVIS ID: N0004705861

Add OPT Employment

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies
Test Testy

*Denotes required field.

Employment Information

The student has met or will meet the one full academic year requirement by the employment start date. *

OPT Type *

Pre Completion
 Post Completion

Full Time / Part Time *

Full Time: more than 20 hours/week
 Part Time: 20 or less hours/week

Start Date * **End Date ***

/ / / /

Student Remarks

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

Employment Remarks

Max 250 characters (250 remaining)

Save Cancel



Add OPT Employment

Update Successful

Submitted change(s) require adjudication. Please print I-20 and send it with the appropriate documentation to the Service Center.

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F-1 Student
Testy, Test

SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies

Start Date: 04/24/2012 End Date: 04/24/2016

Status: **ACTIVE**
SEVIS ID: **N0004705861**

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OPT Employment

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PRE-COMPLETION - PART TIME	Status	Receipt Number	
	REQUESTED		View Edit Cancel Request

OPT AUTHORIZATION DATES

OPT Dates	Start	End
DSO Recommended	10/15/2015	02/28/2016
USCIS Approved		
Actual		

Employers

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No employers found

To add an employer, click on the button Add above

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Add OPT Employer

- Related Course Work Comment *
- Self-Employment Indicator
- Employer Name *
- Employer EIN
- Job Title [Student]
- Start Date [Employment] *
- End Date [Employment]
- Full-time/Part-time Indicator *
- Employer Address *
- Supervisor
 - Last Name
 - First Name
 - Telephone Number
 - Email Address
- Student Remarks

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F-1 Student **Gardner, Gardenia** **SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies - SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies** Status: **ACTIVE**
Start Date: 04/30/2015 End Date: 05/10/2019 SEVIS ID: N0004705514

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Prior to recommending Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must ensure that the training complies with the rules governing OPT. You must also ensure that the student is aware of his/her obligation to report changes in employment information (to include periods of unemployment) and changes in his/her address. The school must continue to maintain records on the student for the full period of OPT. The details of these rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). The CFR has been amended and the sections relevant to OPT are available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website).

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PRE-COMPLETION - PART TIME **Active** Status: APPROVED Receipt Number: ABC 1234567 [View](#)

OPT AUTHORIZATION DATES			Employers			
OPT Dates	Start	End	Employer Name	Start	End	Actions
DSO Recommended	09/01/2015	12/01/2015	SEVP Building Museum	09/12/2015	11/20/2015	Edit Delete
USCIS Approved	09/01/2015	12/01/2015				
Actual	09/01/2015	12/01/2015				

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Deleting Employers

Note for schools using batch processing:
You can only delete an employer in SEVIS' Real Time Interface (RTI), because of the confirmations required to complete the task.



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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) OPT

STEM OPT

- SEVP cannot discuss public comments on Proposed Regulations for STEM OPT and Cap-Gap Relief for F-1 Students.
- Proposed policy and regulation page is open for public review and comment until November 18, 2015.
- For additional information, refer to SEVP Broadcast Message 1510-03, Comment on Proposed Regulations for STEM Optional Practical Training and Cap-Gap Relief for F-1 Students.

Recommend OPT Extension (STEM)

OPT Employment

POST-COMPLETION - FULL TIME	Status	Receipt Number	View	Extend		
Active	APPROVED	XYZ123456978				
OPT AUTHORIZATION DATES			Add Employer			
OPT Dates	Start	End	Employer Name	Start	End	Actions
DSO Recommended	06/14/2015	06/13/2016	XYZ Corporation	07/15/2015	06/13/2016	Edit Delete
USCIS Approved	06/14/2015	06/13/2016				
Actual	06/14/2015	06/13/2016				

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Recommend OPT Extension (STEM)

Extend OPT Employer
SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies
Student Sample STEM

*Denotes required field.

Prior to recommending a 17-month extension for Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must ensure the student earned a STEM designated bachelors, masters, or doctorate degree. The STEM Designated Degree Program List is available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website). These students are also subject to the requirements found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). Your school must continue to maintain records on the student for the full period of the extension. The details of these rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). The CFR has been amended and the sections relevant to OPT are available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Website).

Explain how employment is related to course work *

Max 1000 characters (1000 remaining)

Employer Information

Self Employed:

Employer Name * Employer EIN **Highly Recommended** -

Job Title Start Date * / / End Date / /

Full Time / Part Time *

Full Time: more than 20 hours/week
 Part Time: 20 or less hours/week

Employer Address *

Supervisor Information

Last Name First Name

Telephone Number - - ext. Email Address

- Same look as *Add OPT Employer* page.
- Must provide required employer information, even if employer is the same as for post-completion OPT.
- Start date required.

Report OPT Participation (STEM)

- No change to functionality.
- Access from the *Student Information* page.
- Link displays 15 days before 6- or 12-month due date, and up to 45 days after.
- Have ability to add, edit, or delete employer.

Report OPT Participation (STEM)

Report OPT Participation

Employer Information

Add

Employer Name (EIN)	Job Title	FT/PT	Start Date	End Date	City	State	Zip	Actions
XYZ Corp	Biochemical postdoctoral fellos	PART TIME	09/01/2015	08/02/2016	FORT WASHINGTON	MD	20744	Edit Delete
PDQ Corporation	Research Assistant	FULL TIME	03/03/2015	08/02/2016	VALRICO	FL	33594	Edit Delete

By checking this box, I verify that the student has confirmed his or her current address and employment information

Report OPT Participation

Cancel



F/M Student Telephone and Email

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

- December 4, 2015 - Student's email address and telephone number required whenever personal information is updated on a student record.
- June 2016 – Student's email address and telephone number required upon continuing registration.

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



F/M Student Telephone Numbers

Three options for the student's telephone number:

- U.S. telephone
- International telephone
- Indicator that student has no phone



The DSO can select more than one option, but is only required to provide one.



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NEW SYSTEM ACTIONS

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 functionality is turned on.

System Change: Termination for Exceeding Allowed Unemployment

- Functionality 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 in Spring 2016.
- System terminations are for 90 consecutive days of unemployment.

System Change: Termination for Exceeding Allowed Unemployment

System terminations are for 90 consecutive days of unemployment.

Note: Regulations only allow for 90 days of TOTAL unemployment. SEVP can manually terminate a student record for exceeding 90 cumulative days of unemployment.



System Change: Employer End Date

On the Actual OPT End Date, SEVIS will fill in the Employer End date with the Actual OPT End Date.



TOOLS TO MANAGE STUDENTS ON OPT

Conversion Report

Report Name: Students with Active OPT
Employment Prior to the December 2015 Release:

- SEVIS ID
- Type of OPT
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- OPT Actual Start Date
- OPT Actual End Date
- Employer Name

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

OPT Alert List

Students who have Approved OPT without Current Employer Information:

- SEVIS ID
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- OPT Type (Post-completion or STEM OPT)
- OPT Actual Start Date
- OPT Actual End Date
- Latest OPT employment end date
- Number of days since the last employment date

New OPT List

Students Terminated for Exceeding the Maximum Number of Days of Unemployment:

- SEVIS ID
- Class of Admission
- Surname/Primary Name
- Given Name
- Termination Date
- OPT Type



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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.



For Batch Issues

- Send emails to:
 - SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov
 - SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov
- Enter **Batch Issues** in Subject Line.
- Make email **High Importance**.



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SEVIS SCHOOL/SPONSOR ANNUAL VERIFICATION AND PDSO/DSO UPDATES

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Annual SEVIS School/Sponsor Verification

SEVIS P/DSO Verification

Frequency of Verification	Annually
Length of Verification Period	90 Days
Verification Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• December 2 to March 2• Deadline is March 3 at 12:01 AM (EDT)
Notification Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A message upon logging into SEVIS• Broadcast Message announcement• A confirmation email at a successful verification completion

Note: The confirmation email for a successful verification will only occur after Release 6.23 on December 4, 2015, but not if verified on December 2nd or 3rd of 2015.



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.



Annual SEVIS School/Sponsor Verification

The annual verification of officials is NOT the same thing as:

- School certification or recertification
- Sponsor designation or re-designation

The processes are separate from each other and each must be completed on their own schedule.



PDSO/DSO Update Backlog

- Plan to resolve backlog of PDSO/DSO updates:
 - School Certification tasked with reducing backlog
 - Training of Field Representative Unit (FRU) representatives on update process to assist
- DSO Update Process Fact Sheet
 - Link available in Web Link Pod
 - Fact sheet available in Webinar Downloads Pod



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FUTURE WEBINARS

Future SEVIS Webinars

- December 11, 2015:
 - SEVP DSOs Webinar
- December 18, 2015:
 - SEVIS Post-Release 6.23 Webinar
- Topical webinars (dates TBD):
 - Registration
 - Create New Student
 - Form I-17 Workflow
 - Correction Requests



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RESOURCES



Release Resources

- SEVIS Webinar: OPT Changes in November 2015 recording and slides
 - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/webinars>
- SEVIS Release 6.23 Planning Guide - December 2015
 - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/sevis-enhancements/sevis-release-623-planning-guide>



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 (revision in process)
- M-1 Practical Training User Guide (in process)
- OPT Report Employer User Guide (in process)
- Employment Information Page User Guide (in process)

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



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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