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STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

**SEVIS 6.29 Post-Release and  
SEVIS 6.30 Pre-Release Webinar**

**October 14, 2016**



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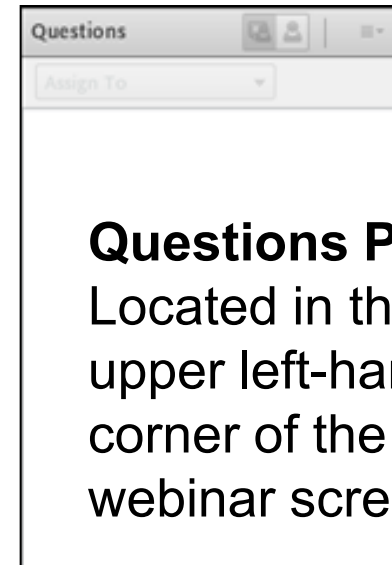
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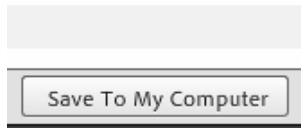
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- Webinar Slides: SEVIS 6.29 Post-Release/6.30 Pre-Release
- Webinar Slides: SEVIS 6.29 Pre-Release
- Webinar Slides: F/M Correction Requests
- Screenshots Handout: Form I-17-related Webinar
- Screenshots Handout: Correction Requests Webinar
- Screenshots Handout: 6.29 Pre-Release Webinar
- Revised Form I-17
- Updates to EV Lists and Alerts for Release 6.29
- SEVIS Release 6.29 Planning Guide

Also look on *Study in the States* for these materials.

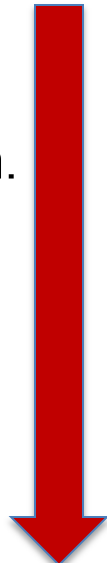
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# WEBINAR INTRODUCTION

## Presenters

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- **Jared Allen**, SEVIS Webinar Facilitator



# Agenda

- SEVIS 6.29 Release review
- Release 6.29 key issues
- Reporting release issues
- SEVIS 6.30 Release
- Future webinars
- SEVIS resources
- Question and Answer session



## Webinar Q&A Request

Please limit questions to functionality discussed during this webinar. We are unable to address case-specific questions.





# SEVIS RELEASE 6.29

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# REVIEW

# Functionality Changes in SEVIS Release 6.29

- Improvements to the Form I-17 Workflow
  - Better organization of data fields
  - Validations on certain fields to improve accuracy
  - Quicker navigation to specific pages
  - Ability to upload supporting documentation
- Improvements to Management of F/M Correction Requests
  - Correction Request Management Page
  - Validations on certain data fields to improve accuracy
  - Ability to upload supporting documentation
- Broadcast Message Archive
- Changes to J Alerts and Lists
- Ability to change status of J-2 to Invalid

# SEVIS 6.29 Release Webinar Resources

Webinar	Date
Form I-17 Workflow	September 9, 2016
Correction Requests	September 16, 2016
SEVIS 6.29 Pre-Release	September 16, 2016

- See SEVIS Help Hub Webinars page for details
- <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/webinars>



# CHANGES AFFECTING J SEVIS USERS ONLY

## Changes to EV Lists and Alerts

- Based on sponsor official feedback, updates were made to some lists and alerts
- Additional columns added to the following lists:
  - All Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Saved Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Transfer In Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Inactive Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - No Show Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents

## Changes to EV Lists and Alerts

- Additional fields added to the export of the following lists:
  - Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
  - Active Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents
- Updated the following alerts:
  - Exchange Visitors Requiring Validation
    - Added fields to the export
  - Exchange Visitors Nearing the Program End Date in 60 Days or Less
    - Updated fields on the screen and added fields to the export

# Change J-2 to Invalid Status

**Actions:**

[Edit](#)

[Invalidate](#)

[No Show](#)

[Reprint DS-2019](#)

**View:**

[Event History](#)

## Dependent Information

[View Exchange Visitor](#)

**J-2 Dependent** (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)

Date of Last Event: 09/02/2016

<b>Sommers, David</b>		Status: <b>INITIAL</b>
MALE   DOB: 04/03/1984   Relationship: SPOUSE		SEVIS ID <b>N0004751955</b>
Email Address:		
City of Birth: Vienna	Port of Entry:	
Country of Birth: AUSTRIA	I-94/Admission Number:	
Country of Citizenship: AUSTRIA	Port of Departure:	

**Invalidate**  
action available  
when J-2 Status  
is Initial, Active,  
or No Show

## Invalidate Spouse/Dependent

DoS University Program - P-3-14608

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### Exchange Visitor Information

**J-1 Exchange Visitor** (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)

Date of Last Event: 09/02/2016

<b>Sommers, Carolina</b>		Status: <b>INITIAL</b>
FEMALE   DOB: 05/02/1987		SEVIS ID: <b>N0004751954</b>
Email Address:		
Program: <b>DoS University Program</b> P-3-14608		Category: RESEARCH SCHOLAR
Program Begin/End: 09/10/2016 - 09/10/2018		Occupational Category:
Country of Citizenship: AUSTRIA		Port of Entry:

### Dependent Information

**J-2 Dependent** (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)

Date of Last Event: 09/02/2016

<b>Sommers, David</b>		Status: <b>INITIAL</b>
MALE   DOB: 04/03/1984   Relationship: SPOUSE		SEVIS ID <b>N0004751955</b>
Email Address:		
* Remarks:	<input type="text"/>	

Characters Remaining: 190

[Invalidate](#)

[Cancel](#)

**Webinar Note:**  
See graphics' full-sized  
view on page 2 of  
Screenshots Handout.



# RELEASE 6.29 ISSUES





## Known Issue Pre-Release

Scheduled Upload Evidence functionality delayed with Release 6.29, but will be switched on as soon as certain technical issues are resolved.



# School Information Page Navigation

Issue	Status
<p><b><i>School Information</i> page navigation links on left side of page.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> The first set of navigational links in the upper, left side of the page are easily mistaken for navigation links that might take users to the individual Form I-17 edit pages. They do not. These links are strictly for navigating the <i>School Information</i> page. To access the edit pages, the user must click the <b>Update School Information (Form I-17)</b> link in the Actions section.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Closed.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Functionality works as planned.</p>

## Form I-17 Field – Sessions Are Held

Issue	Status
<p><b>Form I-17 Field 4.3, Sessions are Held field, are incorrectly printing classes as night classes when Day has been selected in SEVIS.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Users cannot change this field, even after editing and saving the changes.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Open.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Will be fixed in SEVIS Release 6.30 on October 21, 2016.</p>



## Campus Codes

Issue	Status
<p><b>Campus code no longer displays on the <i>School Information</i> Page.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> The Campus Code (satellite school code) does not display on the <i>School Information</i> page. The <i>School Information</i> page displays the school code at the top of the page, but does not display the codes for any of the instructional sites anywhere on the page. This makes it difficult to know which code corresponds to which site.</p> <p>Example: Diocese of Joliet-CHI214F00129000 – the list of campuses does not indicate whether the site is 001 or 004.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Open.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Will be fixed in SEVIS Release 6.30 on October 21, 2016.</p>

# School Event History Error Code

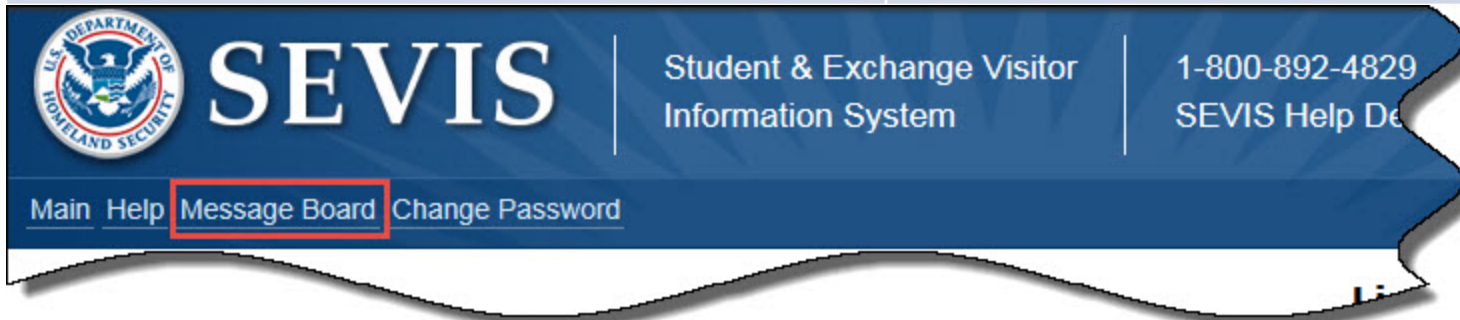
Issue	Status
<p><b>Error code when accessing School Event History.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Red error screen appears when opening School Event History. The problem affects only some users.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Open.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> Will be fixed in SEVIS Release 6.30 on October 21, 2016.</p>

# School Information Page Navigation

Issue	Status
<p><b><i>School Information</i> page navigation buttons to top of page.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Buttons on the page allow a user to navigate quickly to the top of the page from further down the page; but currently, the user can only use the link once while on the page. Users must use the scroll bar to navigate up the page.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Open.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b> To be fixed in future release.</p>

## Annoying Issue (not really an issue)

Issue	Status
<p><b>Broadcast Message page is not the first page when logging into SEVIS.</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> To access the Broadcast Message page, user must click the Message Board button in SEVIS Navigation area.</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> Closed.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This change was the result of system performance. Production slowed down tremendously with Broadcast Message page coming up first.</p>





# REPORTING RELEASE ISSUES



## Reporting Release Issues

- Send email to  
**SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov**

**Note:** If this is a batch issue, also send email to  
**SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov**

- Include in email:
  - Detailed description of actions taking place when incident occurred – the more specific the better
  - Name of browser used during issue and version
  - Screenshots of issue
  - If batch problem, name of batch software



# SEVIS RELEASE 6.30

## SEVIS Release 6.30 Schedule

- **Date:** Friday, October 21, 2016
- **Time:** 8 PM (ET)
- **Duration:** Currently, SEVP expects the outage to last four hours (approximately)
- **Purpose:** To fix SEVIS Release 6.29 issues

**Note:** No expected interruption to normal processes.



# FUTURE WEBINAR



## Future SEVIS Webinar

Date	Topic
December 2, 2016	SEVIS 6.31 Pre-Release



# RESOURCES

## 6.29 Release Resources

### User Guides

- Initial Certification
- Update Form I-17 Overview
- Update School Contact Information
- Update Programs of Study
- Update Accreditations and Recognitions (revision)
- Update Calendar, Costs, and Demographics
- Add, Edit, or Delete Campus
- Manage School Officials (revision)
- Recertification
- View School Event History
- View Pending Form I-17 Certifications or Updates

### User Guides

- Correction Request Overview (revision)
- Correct Program Dates (revision)
- Correct Termination Reasons (revision)
- Correct Student Status (revision)
- Correct USCIS Requests (revision)
- Broadcast Messages (planned)
- Upload Evidence (delayed)

**Note:** Items in **bold** are currently available on the SEVIS Help Hub. Non-bolded items are still in development.

# Planned Release Resources

## Job Aids

- Manage School Officials (revision)
- List of Degrees Available

## Other

- **SEVIS Release 6.29 Planning Guide**

## Webinars

- **Form I-17 Workflow**
- **Correction Requests**
- **SEVIS 6.29 Pre-Release**

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## Study in the States Website URLs

- SEVIS Help Hub
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub>
- SEVIS Enhancements page
  - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-help-hub/learn-more/sevis-enhancements>
- SEVIS Webinars page
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- SEVP Stakeholder Webinars page
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/webinars>

## Other Resources

- SEVIS Email
  - [SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov)
- SEVP Response Center
  - [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov)
- SEVIS Batch Email
  - [SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov)
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  - [jsevis@state.gov](mailto:jsevis@state.gov)
- SEVIS Help Desk
  - 800-892-4829
  - [SEVISHelpdesk@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISHelpdesk@ice.dhs.gov)



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS