

Broadcast Message: DHS Extends Special Student Relief Employment Benefits to Venezuelan Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

On Sept. 7, 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the suspension of certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students from Venezuela who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. This notice extends relief from Sept. 10, 2022, to March 10, 2024, for eligible Venezuelan students who were in lawful F-1 status on April 22, 2021, and are currently maintaining F-1 status.

This notice temporarily suspends applicable on-campus and off-campus employment regulations for eligible Venezuelan students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Venezuela and will announce any additional modifications or extensions to these notices in the Federal Register.

The notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- Are citizens of Venezuela regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela);
- Were lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on April 22, 2021;
- Are enrolled in a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified school;
- Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and
- Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

The suspension of these requirements will remain in effect until March 10, 2024, for eligible Venezuelan students.

Please refer to the [Venezuela Federal Register Notice](#) for more information regarding:

- The specific SSR action effective with this notice;
- Who is covered by this SSR action;
- Why DHS took this SSR action; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under this SSR action.

For more information about SSR and when eligible students may apply, please view the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). If you have case-specific questions, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

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