

**Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Alpha and Beta Testing Environment Updates and Outages**

**To:** All SEVIS Users

**Date:** Oct. 27, 2022

**Re:** SEVIS Alpha and Beta Testing Environment Updates and Outages

**Number:** 2210-02

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**General Information**

This message is to inform you that the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) will upgrade the Alpha and Beta testing environments to match Production (Release 6.63) on Monday Oct. 31, 2022. Additionally, the Alpha update will include the following batch changes:

- F/M Batch updates: School officials will be able to add student remarks when recommending curricular practical training (CPT).
- J Batch updates:
  - Sponsor officials will be able to edit the email address of an exchange visitor when submitting a Correcting Minor Technical Infraction (CMTI).
  - Field length for sites of activity and Training/Internship Placement Plan (T/IPP) sites of activity will have a maximum length of 80 characters.
  - Sponsor officials will have the ability to reprint a Form DS-2019, “Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status” in Initial status.
  - Sponsor officials will have the ability to create a spouse/dependent record when the sponsor’s allotment is zero.

**Note:** School and sponsor officials are reminded to refrain from using actual nonimmigrant information (i.e., names, email addresses, phone number, etc.) in the Alpha testing environment. This upgrade will include the automated email feature added in SEVIS Releases 6.62 and 6.63, which notifies exchange visitors when their SEVIS status changes to Active, Inactive, No Show, Terminated, or Transferred. If your organization uses actual nonimmigrant email addresses in the test environments, change them to avoid having automated emails sent to the exchange visitors.

SEVIS Alpha and Beta environments will NOT be available on Monday, Oct. 31, from 12p.m. EDT to 5p.m. EDT.

If you have questions regarding this outage, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except federal holidays.

### **Comments**

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