

Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.71

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.71 on Friday, August 11, 2023.

This release will contain the following updates for F and M SEVIS school officials:

- The ability to recommend off-campus employment for Special Student Relief (SSR) for more than one year at a time.
NOTE: When requesting off-campus employment for SSR, designated school officials (DSOs) will be able to enter an employment end date that corresponds to the student's program end date or the SSR end date in the Federal Register SSR notice (whichever is earlier).
- The **Recommendation** and **Student Remarks** fields on the *Add Off-Campus Employment* page will become required fields.
- When adding an existing SEVIS user to a Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," the principal designated school official (PDSO) must attest to and submit the Form I-17 before the existing SEVIS user can have access to that school's SEVIS records.
- The *Authorize to Drop Below Full Course* page will be updated to the newer SEVIS page look and feel.

This release will contain the following updates for J-1 SEVIS program sponsors:

- After a Responsible Officer/Alternate Responsible Officer (RO/ARO) validates an exchange visitor's (EV's) record, that EV's *Information Page* will display. Previously, officials were redirected to the *Listing of Programs* page.
- RO/AROs will no longer see the **Correct SEVIS Status** or **Reinstatement – Update SEVIS Status** links if the EV SEVIS record is in Active status and has port of entry data.

Additional information about this release is available in the [SEVIS Release 6.71 Planning Guide](#), located on the [SEVIS Enhancements](#) page in the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

The SEVIS Production environment and SEVIS Batching will NOT be available from Friday, August 11, 2023, at 8 p.m. EDT to Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 12 a.m. EDT.

For questions about this release, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except for federal holidays.

FOR BATCH USERS ONLY

SEVIS Batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled upgrade is complete. Please refrain from uploading files in the Production environment during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will generate an error and users will have to reupload those files once the Production environment is available.

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