

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

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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### **General Information**

On March 11, 2024, 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 direct result of the current crisis in Venezuela. This notice provides Special Student Relief (SSR) for eligible Venezuelan students from March 11, 2024, until Sept. 10, 2025.

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 this notice in the Federal Register.

This 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);
- Are lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on March 11, 2024;
- 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 current crisis in Venezuela.

The suspension of these requirements will remain in effect until Sept. 10, 2025, for eligible Venezuelan students.

Please refer to the Venezuela SSR [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.

Additional information about SSR and when eligible students may apply is available in the [F-1 Special Student Relief Fact Sheet](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.gov/SEVP) and the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). Stakeholders with case-specific questions can 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](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov). The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

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