

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

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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### **General Information**

On October 17, 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 Lebanon who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the current humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. This notice provides Special Student Relief (SSR) for eligible students from Lebanon from July 26, 2024, until Jan. 25, 2026.

This notice temporarily suspends applicable on-campus and off-campus employment regulations for eligible Lebanese students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Lebanon 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 the following conditions:

- Are citizens of Lebanon regardless of country or birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Lebanon);
- Were lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on July 26, 2024;
- Are enrolled in a Student Exchange and 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 humanitarian crisis in Lebanon.

The suspension of these requirements will remain in effect until Jan. 25, 2026, for eligible Lebanese students.

Please refer to the [Lebanon 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 on the [F-1 Specific Student Relief Fact Sheet](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.gov/SEVP) and the [What is the Special Student Relief? Infographic](#) in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). Stakeholders with 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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