

Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice—SEVIS Alpha and Beta Test Environment URL Migration

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will migrate the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) environments to new URLs as part of system technical upgrades. The first set of migrations will take place on Nov. 13, 2024 affecting SEVIS's Alpha and Beta test environments. The second migration will take place on Dec. 6, 2024 affecting the SEVIS Production environment. SEVP will send a separate Broadcast Message with details about the second migration effort at a later date.

SEVIS Alpha and Beta Test Environment Migration Overview

SEVP is running both the old and new versions of the SEVIS Alpha and Beta test environments. Both versions are available for users to test their Batch application software prior to the planned decommissioning of the old Alpha and Beta URLs on Nov. 13, 2024. During this time, users must process any Batch uploads manually in the new environments.

Both the old and new environments operate from the same database, so users should not experience any data loss if working between the old and new environments. However, if a user starts a Batch job or a real time interface (RTI) action to return a file (PDF, CSV, XLS), expect the file to return to the same environment where the user initiated the job or action.

Since the SEVIS Production environment will be migrated to a new URL, SEVP encourages users to test their software in the new Alpha and Beta environments and report any issues.

Contact SEVIS.Batch@hsi.dhs.gov:

- For assistance processing batch uploads in the new environments.
- If you have any questions or problems with the new environments.

Updated SEVIS Alpha and Beta Test Environment URLs

Refer to the below URLs for the new SEVIS Alpha and Beta test environment links. Users should ensure they update any bookmarks in their web browser to reflect the links to the new test environments.

Environment	Current URL	New URL
Alpha	https://egov.ice.gov/alphasevis/	https://alpha.sevis.ice.gov/sevis/
Beta	https://egov.ice.gov/sbtsevis/	https://beta.sevis.ice.gov/sevis/

Migration Timeline:

- **Tuesday, November 5, 2024:**
 - Alpha and Beta users can begin testing the environments at the new URLs. Any batch uploads must be manually processed. Email SEVIS.Batch@hsi.dhs.gov for assistance.
 - Users still have access to the environments at the old Alpha and Beta URLs.
- **Thursday, November 14, 2024:**
 - The environments at the old Alpha and Beta URLs will be disabled.
 - Users must use the environments at the new Alpha and Beta URLs.
 - The SEVIS Batch jobs will automatically run during this period.
- **Friday, December 6, 2024:** SEVIS Production will move to its new URL. We will send more information about this migration in a later Broadcast Message.

If you have questions, please contact the SEVP Response Center via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov or via phone at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except federal holidays.

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