

## **Broadcast Message: DHS Announces Special Student Relief Authorization for Lebanese Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship**

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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### **General Information**

On Nov. 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a new [Federal Register notice](#) announcing the suspension of certain regulatory requirements for certain Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Lebanon. This notice provides Special Student Relief (SSR) for eligible Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students from Nov. 27, 2024, until May 27, 2026.

This new notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- Are citizens of Lebanon regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Lebanon);
- Were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on Nov. 26, 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 Lebanon.

The initial [Federal Register Notice](#) for Lebanese students that was published on October 18, 2024, remains in effect through January 25, 2026, for eligible Lebanese students who were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on July 26, 2024.

These SSR notices temporarily suspend applicable on-campus and off-campus employment regulations for eligible Lebanese F-1 nonimmigrant students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Lebanon. Any modifications or extensions to these notices will be announced in the Federal Register.

Please refer to the applicable Lebanon [Federal Register notice](#) for more information regarding:

- The specific SSR action effective with the notice;
- Who is covered by these SSR actions;
- Why DHS took these SSR actions; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under these SSR actions.

Additional information about SSR and when eligible students may apply is available on 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-

800892-4829 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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