

Clarification on Exchange Visitor Program Fees

A Final Rule on Fees and Charges for Exchange Visitor Program Services was published on November 1, 2007, in the *Federal Register*. The following fees are prescribed for Fiscal Years 2008-2009 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009):

(1) For filing an application for program designation and/or redesignation (Form DS-3036) -- \$1,748.

(2) For filing an application for extension beyond the maximum duration of participation, change of category, reinstatement, reinstatement-update SEVIS status, ECFMG-sponsorship authorization, and permission to issue -- \$246.

Any application post-marked on or after December 3, 2007, is subject to the required fee, made payable through Pay.gov.

The duration of the designation/redesignation cycle was implemented in SEVIS as a two-year cycle as required in Section 502(b) *Period Review of Sponsors of Exchange Visitors* - Public Law 107-173 (Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002).

If the Department receives a sponsor's application for redesignation prior to December 3, 2007, and the program expiration date is prior to April 3, 2008, no fee is required. If an application is received prior to December 3, 2007, and the program expiration date is on or after April 3, 2008, the redesignation fee is required.