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SEVIS Release 6.0 F/M School User Training

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Objectives

This presentation is an overview of the changes in Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.0 for F/M School Users, which include the following:

- **New Functionality for Real-Time Interactive (RTI):**
 - **OPT 6 Month Reporting**
 - **Cap-Gap Extension**
 - **Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Indicator**

- **Updates to existing RTI Functionality:**
 - **Updates to OPT Remarks**
 - **Updates to OPT Extension Remarks**
 - **Updates to CPT Remarks**
 - **Updates to OCE Remarks**
 - **Updates to Remarks fields on Request/Authorization Details screen**
 - **OPT and CPT Employment Start Date validation updates**
 - **OPT statement on dependent Form I-20**
 - **Get Plug-Ins link**

Objectives (continued)

This presentation is an overview of the changes in Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.0 for F/M School Users, which include the following:

- **New Functionality for Batch:**
 - **OPT 6 Month Reporting**
 - **Cap-Gap Extension**
 - **Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Employment Indicator**
 - **OPT Extension**
 - **OPT Edit**

- **Updates to existing Batch Functionality:**
 - **OPT, CPT, and OCE Remarks fields**
 - **OPT and CPT Employment Start Date validation**
 - **Validation added to M-1 OPT Employment Start Date field**
 - **Validation added to Secondary Major/Minor fields**
 - **Country code updates**

New Functionality in Release 6.0 for F School Users

Major functionality, for F School Users only, that is being added to SEVIS RTI in Release 6.0 is the OPT 6 Month Reporting requirement.

Southeast University

OPT Employment

SEVIS ID: N0004644522
Family Name: Howard
First Name: James
Date of Birth: 01/01/1970
Country of Birth: IRAN
Country of Citizenship: IRAN
Gender: MALE
School Name: Southeast University - Southeast New Campus
Program Start Date: 06/23/2006
Program End Date: 10/24/2008
Visa Type: F-1
Status: ACTIVE

Prior to recommending Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must ensure that the training complies with the rules governing OPT. You must also ensure that the student is aware of his/her obligation to report changes in employment information (to include periods of unemployment) and changes in his/her address. The school must continue to maintain records on the student for the full period of OPT. The details of these rules can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Sections 214.2(f)(10) to (f)(13). The CFR has been amended and the sections relevant to OPT are available at www.ice.gov/sevis (the SEVP Web site).

Employer Name	Full Time / Part Time	Start Date	End Date	Request Status	Receipt Number	Command
EDS	PART TIME	07/25/2007	09/25/2007	APPROVED		View
EDS	FULL TIME	09/26/2007	09/26/2008	APPROVED		View
EDS		02/25/2008	03/16/2009	APPROVED		View Edit Report OPT Participation

OPT 6 Month Reporting

PDSO/DSOs will be required to report that an F-1 student with an Approved status OPT Extension is participating in the employment segment two times during the OPT Extension:

- **The reporting due dates are 6 months and 12 months after the employment start date.**
- **Two reporting periods encompass the due dates. They are 15 days before plus 31 days after each reporting due date.**

If the PDSO/DSO does not report that the student is participating in the OPT Extension, or does not update the OPT Extension information within the reporting period, the student will automatically be set to Terminated status with a new reason of “Failure to Report while on OPT” 32 days after the reporting due date.

OPT 6 Month Reporting

A new link, Report OPT Participation, will be available on the Employment/Training menu of the Student Information screen, and the Command menu of the OPT Employment screen of an F-1 student record as long as the following criteria are met:

- The student has a current Approved status OPT Extension.
- The current date is within one of the two reporting periods.

The PDSO/DSO may use the Report OPT Participation link to report OPT participation for the student.

OPT 6 Month Reporting

The new Report OPT Participation links are shown below.

Clicking the Report OPT Participation link on the Employment/Training menu of the Student Information screen will direct the school user to the new Report OPT Participation screen.



Employment/Training:
[CPT Employment Authorization](#)
[Off-Campus Employment](#)
[OPT Request](#)
[Report OPT Participation](#)

Corrections:
[Request Change to Program Dates](#)

Clicking the Report OPT Participation link in the Command section of the OPT Employment screen will direct the school user to the new Report OPT Participation screen.



Employer Name	Full Time / Part Time	Start Date	End Date	Request Status	Receipt Number	Command
EDS	PART TIME	07/25/2007	09/25/2007	APPROVED		View
EDS	FULL TIME	09/26/2007	09/26/2008	APPROVED		View
EDS		02/25/2008	03/16/2009	APPROVED		View Edit Report OPT Participation

OPT 6 Month Reporting

The PDSO/DSO will confirm and/or update the student's employment information on the Report OPT Participation screen.

If the student is currently not employed, the PDSO/DSO should enter "None" in the "Employer Name" field and leave the "Employer Address" fields blank.

By clicking the Report OPT Participation button, the PDSO/DSO verifies that the student has confirmed his or her current address and employment information.

Report OPT Participation

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. * Employer Name: (If not employed, enter "None.")

2. Employer Address: (Must be completed unless student is not employed.)

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code: -

3. Employment Remarks: (This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)

4. Student Remarks: (This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)

I verify that the student has confirmed his or her current address and employment information.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Report OPT Participation". It contains four main sections: 1. Employer Name (required, marked with an asterisk), 2. Employer Address (with sub-fields for Address 1, Address 2, City, State, and Zip Code), 3. Employment Remarks, and 4. Student Remarks. Below the form is a verification statement and two buttons: "Report OPT Participation" and "Cancel". Three orange arrows point from the text on the left to the "Employer Name" field, the "Employer Address" section, and the "Report OPT Participation" button.

OPT 6 Month Reporting

A new alert, *Active Students Requiring OPT Reporting*, will list the students who have not reported, or have not had any OPT extension information updated, within each reporting period.

The screenshot shows a web interface for Southeast University - Southeast New Campus. At the top, there are navigation links: Home | Help | Tutorial | Logout, Message Board | Change Password, and Get Plug-Ins. The main heading is 'Student Alerts'. Below this, a section titled 'The following alerts deserve your attention:' lists several alerts. The first alert, 'Active Students Requiring OPT Reporting', is circled in red. Other alerts include 'Active Students Requiring Registration', 'Active Students Requiring Status Verification', 'Service Center Adjudication Results', 'Students Past Program Start Date Awaiting Change of Status', 'Students Within 45 Days of Program End Date', 'Students With a Pending Change of Status Request', 'Students With Requests in Requested Status Over 90 Days', and 'Terminated Students Nearing Their Reinstatement Deadline'.

Note: As with all Student Alerts, the link for this alert will only display if there are students who require OPT reporting.

OPT 6 Month Reporting


This new alert will notify school users of students with current Approved status OPT Extensions, who are within one of their reporting periods. The report will be sorted in ascending order by Reporting Due Date.

Active Students Requiring OPT Reporting

[Return to Alerts](#)

SEVIS ID	Visa Type	Family Name	First Name	Employment Start Date	Employment End Date	Employer Name	Employer Address	Reporting Due Date
N0004644522	F-1	Howard	James	02/25/2008	03/16/2009	EDS	8000 k st washington, DC 20001	02/25/2009

1 Records



Click the Family Name to return to the Student Information screen, where the Report OPT Participation link can be found on the Employment/Training menu.

New Functionality in Release 6.0 for F School Users

A second major functionality, for F school users only, that is being added to SEVIS RTI is the Cap-Gap Extension.

Southeast University

Cap-Gap Extension

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

SEVIS ID: N0004644522
Family Name: Howard
First Name: James
Date of Birth: 01/01/1970
Country of Birth: IRAN
Country of Citizenship: IRAN
Gender: MALE
School Name: Southeast University - Southeast New Campus
Program Start Date: 06/23/2006
Program End Date: 10/24/2008
Visa Type: F-1
Status: ACTIVE

1. * Status of H1-B Petition:

Cap-Gap Extension

A new link, Cap-Gap Extension, will be available on the Actions menu of the Student Information screen of an F-1 student record as long as the following are true for the student:

- Active status
- Program End Date is either the current date or in the past
- Does not have a Pending or Approved Change of Status (COS) to H-1B

The PDSO/DSO may use the Cap-Gap Extension link to indicate that an F-1 student's employer has filed a COS petition from F-1 to H1-B on his/her behalf, or has received confirmation that the petition has been waitlisted.

Clicking the Cap-Gap Extension link on the Actions menu of the Student Information screen will direct the school user to the new Cap-Gap Extension screen.



Cap-Gap Extension

In order for the PDSO/DSO to indicate that a student has a Filed or Waitlisted Cap-Gap Extension, the student must be able to provide proof that the petition has been filed or waitlisted.

The PDSO/DSO may also cancel a student's Cap-Gap Extension using this screen.

A student may have only one Cap-Gap Extension at a time.

The PDSO/DSO may select Filed, Waitlisted, or Cancelled (if applicable) from the Drop-down list.

Select the Extend Status button to update the status of the Cap-Gap Extension.

Southeast University

Cap-Gap Extension

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

SEVIS ID: N0004644522
Family Name: Howard
First Name: James
Date of Birth: 01/01/1970
Country of Birth: IRAN
Country of Citizenship: IRAN
Gender: MALE
School Name: Southeast University - Southeast New Campus
Program Start Date: 06/23/2006
Program End Date: 10/24/2008
Visa Type: F-1
Status: ACTIVE

1. * Status of H1-B Petition:

Cap-Gap Extension

After clicking the Extend Status button, a confirmation screen will display.

Confirm

This will result in the extension of the student's F-1 status, and if applicable, the student's employment end date for the approved, post-completion OPT. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6) (iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). You are responsible for verifying the student's eligibility for this extension. Detailed guidance is available from the SEVIS website at www.ice.gov/sevis. Do you want to continue?

Note: If the student has an approved, post-completion OPT, the employment end date will be updated to a date to be provided by the Department of Homeland security (this date will change each year). The designated dates will be different for Filed and Waitlisted.


In addition, if a Cap-Gap Extension with a status of Filed or Waitlisted is cancelled, the employment end date will revert back to the original employment end date.

Cap-Gap Extension

After clicking the Confirm button, an Update Successful screen will display. The PDSO/DSO will have the option to print the Form I-20. The Change of Status section on page 3 of the Form I-20 will now also provide Cap-Gap Extension information.

Change of Status/Cap-Gap Extension
Requested Visa Type: H1-B Request/Petition Status: Filed Receipt Number: Benefit Start Date/Request Date: 02/10/2009

Comments:
F-1 status and employment authorization for this student have been automatically extended to 06/02/2009. The student is authorized to remain in the United States and continue employment with an expired employment authorization document. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (75 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Web site at www.ice.gov/sevis.



If the student does not have an approved, post-completion OPT, the comment will not include the employment information.

This Cap-Gap Extension has a status of Filed.

Note: There will never be a receipt number for Cap-Gap Extensions.

This date will be different for a Waitlisted Cap-Gap Extension, and will change each year.

This is the date the Cap-Gap Extension was requested.

Cap-Gap Extension

The Cap-Gap Extension request and comment will display on the bottom of the Student information screen. Below is an example of a Comment for a Cap-Gap Extension with an approved, post-completion OPT.

Student Requests:

Request Type	Request Status	Receipt Number
OPT	APPROVED	
Cap-Gap Extension	FILED	
OPT	APPROVED	
OPT Extension	APPROVED	

Comment:
F-1 status and employment authorization for this student have been automatically extended to 06/02/2009. The student is authorized to remain in the United States and continue employment with an expired employment authorization document. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Web site at www.ice.gov/sevis.

Below is an example of a Comment for a Cap-Gap Extension without an approved, post-completion OPT Extension.

Student Requests:

Request Type	Request Status	Receipt Number
OPT	APPROVED	
Off-Campus Employment	REQUESTED	
OPT	APPROVED	
Cap-Gap Extension	FILED	

Comment:
F-1 status for this student has been automatically extended to 06/02/2009. The student is authorized to remain in the United States. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Web site at www.ice.gov/sevis.

Cap-Gap Extension

In addition, there is a new section on the Current Request/Authorization Details screen that will display the Cap-Gap Extension information.

Cap-Gap Extension:	
Petition Status:	FILED
Date of Request:	02/10/2009
Comment:	F-1 status and employment authorization for this student have been automatically extended to 06/02/2009. The student is authorized to remain in the United States and continue employment with an expired employment authorization document. This is pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv), as updated April 8, 2008 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Web site at www.ice.gov/sevis .

Change of Status: No Pending Change of Status Request

Note: The comment above is for a Cap-Gap Extension with an approved, post-completion OPT Extension; therefore, it references employment authorization.

Cap-Gap Extension

The PDSO/DSO may view students with a Cap-Gap Extension by selecting the Students With a Filed or Waitlisted Cap-Gap Extension link on the Student Lists screen.

Southeast University - Southeast New Campus

Students With a Filed or Waitlisted Cap-Gap Extension

[Return to Lists](#)

SEVIS ID	Family Name	First Name	Program End Date	Employment Start Date	Employment End Date	Petition Status	Date of Request
N0004645943	Howards	James	01/03/2009	03/02/2008	06/02/2009	FILED	02/10/2009

1 Records

Additional New Functionality for F School Users

The final new functionality, for F school users only, that will be added to SEVIS RTI in Release 6.0 is the Pre-completion/ Post-completion OPT Employment indicator.

Southeast University

Add OPT Employment

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. * Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT:
2. * Employment Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. * Employment End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
4. * Full Time/Part Time:
5. Employer Name:
6. Employer Address:
 - Address 1:
 - Address 2:
 - City:
 - State:
 - Zip Code: -
7. Explain how the employment is related to course work:
8. * Has the student met the 1 full academic year requirement?
9. Employment Remarks:
(This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)
10. Student Remarks:
(This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)

Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Indicator

When adding an OPT segment, the PDSO/DSO will be required to select Pre-completion or Post-completion.

- If Pre-completion is selected, the employment end date must be on or before the student's Program End Date.
- If Post-completion is selected, the employment start date must be on or after the student's Program End Date.

Add OPT Employment

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. * Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT:	<input type="text"/>
2. * Employment Start Date:	<input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. * Employment End Date:	<input type="text"/> (MM/DD/YYYY)
4. * Full Time/Part Time:	<input type="text"/>
5. Employer Name:	<input type="text"/>
6. Employer Address:	<input type="text"/>

Note: The new “Pre-Completion/Post-completion OPT” field is a required field.

Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Indicator

When editing an approved OPT segment, the PDSO/DSO is unable to edit the Employment Start Date and the Employment End Date; therefore, the PDSO/DSO is unable to edit the “Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT” field as well .

Edit OPT Employment

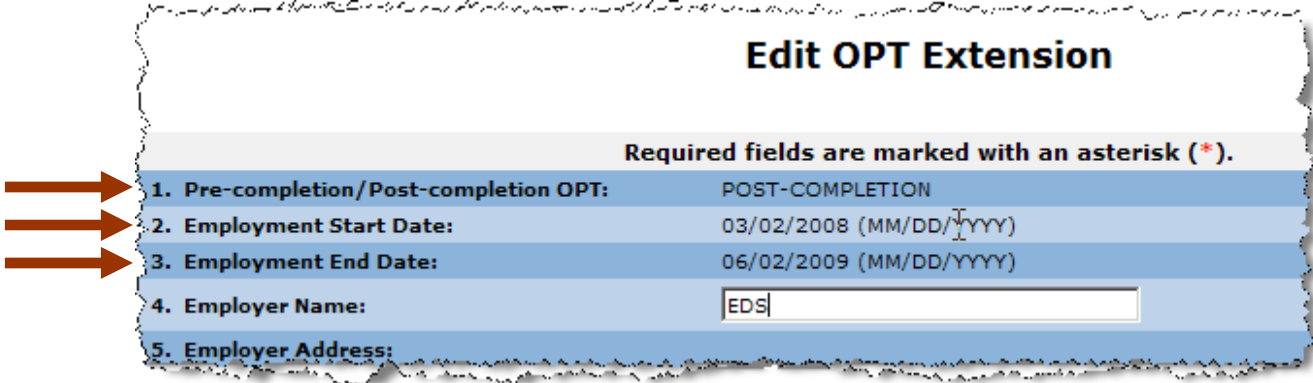
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. * Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT:	PRE-COMPLETION
2. * Employment Start Date:	03/01/2009 (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. * Employment End Date:	09/01/2009 (MM/DD/YYYY)
4. * Full Time/Part Time:	PART TIME
5. Employer Name:	EDS
6. Employer Address:	

Note: When editing a pending OPT segment, the employment dates can be edited; therefore, the “Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT” field can be edited as well.

Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Indicator

When adding or editing an approved or pending OPT Extension segment, the PDSO/DSO is unable to edit the Employment Start Date and the Employment End Date; therefore, the PDSO/DSO is unable to edit the “Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT” field as well.



Edit OPT Extension

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT:	POST-COMPLETION
2. Employment Start Date:	03/02/2008 (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. Employment End Date:	06/02/2009 (MM/DD/YYYY)
4. Employer Name:	EDS <input type="text"/>
5. Employer Address:	<input type="text"/>

RTI Updates in Release 6.0 for F/M School Users

The following existing SEVIS RTI functionality is being updated for F/M School Users with Release 6.0:

- Updates to:
 - OPT Remarks fields
 - OPT Extension Remarks fields
 - CPT Remarks fields
 - OCE Remarks fields
 - Remarks fields on Current Request/Authorization Details screen
- CPT and OPT Employment Start Date Validation Updates
- New OPT Statement on the Dependent Form I-20
- Get Plug-ins Link

The screenshot displays the SEVIS Student Information page for Jeffrey Jones. The page is organized into several sections:

- Personal Information:** SEVIS ID: N0000150820, Family Name: Jones, First Name: Jeffrey, Country of Birth: AUSTRALIA, Date of Birth: 01/12/1974, Country of Citizenship: AUSTRALIA, Gender: MALE, Foreign Address: 4 North Road Sydney 24567 AUSTRALIA, U.S. Address: 4 Buck Lane Monclair VIRGINIA 66215, SSN: [Redacted], Driver's License Number: [Redacted], Driver's License Issuing State: [Redacted], Individual Taxpayer ID Number: [Redacted].
- Financial Information:** Number of Months: 12, Tuition Fees: \$5,000.00, Living Expenses: \$5,000.00, Dependent Expenses: [Redacted], Other Costs: [Redacted], Other Costs Comment: [Redacted], Total Expenses: \$10,000.00, Student's Personal Funds: \$12,000.00, Funds From This School: [Redacted], School Fund Type: [Redacted], Funds From Other Sources: [Redacted], Source Type: [Redacted], On-Campus Employment: \$100.00, Total Funding: \$12,100.00.
- Program Information:** Status: ACTIVE, Termination Reason: [Redacted], Visa Type: F-1, School Name: Annapolis College, School Code: BAL214F85317000, Campus Name: Navy, I-20 Issue Reason: CONTINUED ATTENDANCE, Education Level: BACHELOR'S, Major: 14.0803 - Structural Engineering, Secondary Major: 00.0000 - None, Minor: 00.0000 - None, Program Start Date: 03/15/2008, Program End Date: 03/12/2010, Normal Length of Study: 24, Current Session End Date: 03/12/2009, Next Session Start Date: 03/15/2009, School Requires English Proficiency: Yes, Student Has English Proficiency: Yes, English Is Not Required Because: [Redacted], Remarks: test.
- Travel Information:** Passport Number: [Redacted], Visa Number: [Redacted], Visa Issue Date: [Redacted], Visa Issue Post: [Redacted], Port of Entry: [Redacted], Date of Entry: [Redacted], I-94/Admission Number: [Redacted], Port of Departure: [Redacted], Date of Departure: [Redacted].
- I-901 SEVIS Fee Payment Information:** Transaction Type: [Redacted], Transaction Date: [Redacted], Transaction Amount: [Redacted], Fee Payment/Cancellation Receipt Number: [Redacted].

Dependents:

Sevis ID	Family Name	First Name	Relationship	Gender	Status
N0000151042	Jones	James	CHILD	MALE	ACTIVE
N0000151046	Jones	George	CHILD	MALE	ACTIVE

Student Requests:

Request Type	Request Status	Receipt Number
OPT	CANCELLED	
CPT	APPROVED	
OPT	CANCELLED	
OPT	APPROVED	
OPT	CANCELLED	
Off-Campus Employment	REQUESTED	

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Updates to OPT Remarks Fields

The following changes will be made to the “OPT Remarks” fields on the Add OPT Employment and Update OPT Employment screens:

- The “Explain how the employment is related to course work” field will no longer be required and will no longer print on page 3 of the Form I-20.
- The “Remarks” field is being changed to “Employment Remarks”, and will print on page 3 of the Form I-20. It is an optional field.
- The “Student Remarks” field will be pre-populated with text that is currently in the field. The text will display on the Student Information screen and print on page 1 of the Form I-20.

Previously a required field and printed on page 3 of the Form I-20.

Previously called “Remarks.”

New field on these screens.

The screenshot shows a form with four rows of fields. The first row is labeled '7. Explain how the employment is related to course work:' and has an empty text box. The second row is labeled '8. * Has the student met the 1 full academic year requirement?' and has a dropdown menu. The third row is labeled '9. Employment Remarks: (This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)' and has a text box. The fourth row is labeled '10. Student Remarks: (This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)' and has a text box. Three orange arrows point from the text on the left to the first, third, and fourth rows.

Updates to OPT Extension Remarks Fields

The following changes will be made to the “OPT Extension Remarks” fields on the Add OPT Extension and Update OPT Extension screens:

- The “OPT Comments/Remarks” field is being changed to “Employment Remarks”, and will print on page 3 of the Form I-20. It is an optional field.
- The “Student Remarks” field will be pre-populated with text that is currently in the field. It will display on the Student Information screen and print on page 1 of the Form I-20.

Previously called “OPT
Comments/Remarks.”



6. Employment Remarks:
(This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)

New field on these screens.



7. Student Remarks:
(This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)

Updates to CPT Remarks Fields

The following changes will be made to the “CPT Remarks” fields on the Add CPT Employment and Update CPT Employment screens:

- The “Explain how the employment is curricular” field will no longer be required and will no longer print on page 3 of the Form I-20.
- The “Remarks” field is being changed to “Employment Remarks”, and will print on page 3 of the Form I-20. It is an optional field.
- The “Student Remarks” field will be pre-populated with text that is currently in the field. The text will display on the Student Information screen and print on page 1 of the Form I-20.

Previously a required field and printed on page 3 of the Form I-20. →

Previously called “Remarks.” →

New field on these screens. →

6. Explain how the employment is curricular:	<input type="text"/>
7. Employment Remarks: (This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)	<input type="text"/>
8. Student Remarks: (This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)	<input type="text"/>

Updates to OCE Remarks Fields

The following changes will be made to the “OCE Remarks” fields on the Add OCE Employment and Update OCE Employment screens:

- The “Recommendation” field will no longer be required, and it will now print on page 3 of the Form I-20.
- The “Student Remarks” field will be pre-populated with text that is currently in the field. The text will display on the Student Information screen and print on page 1 of the Form I-20.

Previously a required field,
but did not print on page 3
of the Form I-20.



New field on these screens.



The screenshot shows two text input fields. The top field is labeled "Recommendation:" and contains the text "4. (This text will print on page 3 of the Form I-20.)". The bottom field is labeled "5. Student Remarks:" and contains the text "5. Student Remarks: (This text will print on page 1 of the Form I-20.)". Both fields have a light blue background and a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

Updates to Remarks Fields on Current Request/Authorization Details Screen

The “Remarks” fields on the Current Request/Authorization Details screen will be updated as follows:

- In the OPT Employment section, the “Remarks” field has been renamed to “Employment Remarks”, and a “Relevance Text” field has been added. This field will be populated with the text from the “Explain how the employment is related to course work field”.
- In the CPT Employment section, the “Remarks” field has been renamed to “Employment Remarks”, and a “Relevance Text” field has been added. This field will be populated with the text from the “Explain how the employment is curricular” fields.
- The “Remarks” field in the OCE Employment section has been renamed “Recommendation”.

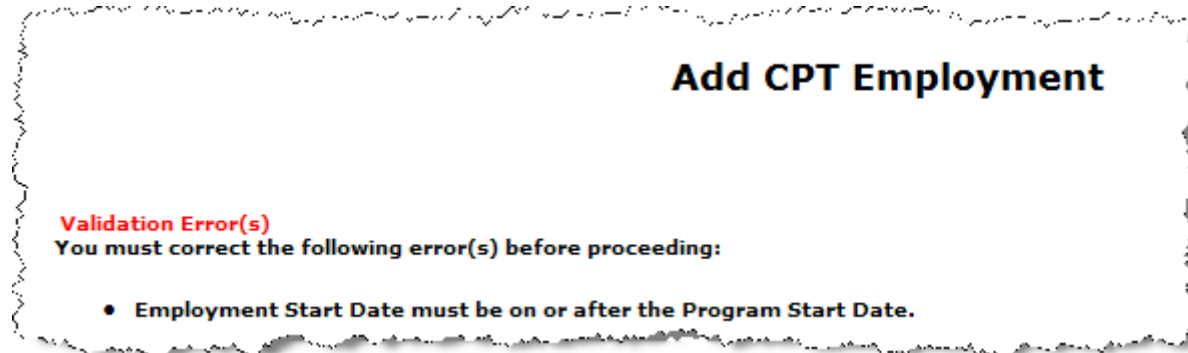
OPT Employment:	
Employer name:	EDS
Address:	800 K Street NW, Washington, DC, 20001
Start Date:	03/01/2009
End Date:	09/01/2009
Full Time/Part Time:	PART TIME
Request Status:	APPROVED
Receipt Number:	
Employment Remarks:	Employment remarks are entered here.
Relevance Text:	The employment is related to the course work.

CPT Employment:	
Employer name:	BMG
Address:	50 West Street, Annapolis, MD, 21401
Start Date:	08/01/2009
End Date:	09/28/2009
Full Time/Part Time:	PART TIME
Request Status:	APPROVED
Receipt Number:	
Employment Remarks:	The employment remarks are entered here.
Relevance Text:	The employment is curricular.

Off-Campus Employment:	
Start Date:	03/01/2009
End Date:	08/01/2009
Request Status:	REQUESTED
Receipt Number:	
Recommendation:	The employment is recommended for this student.

OPT and CPT Employment Start Date Validation Updates

Additional validation will be added to validate the CPT and OPT employment start dates for F-1 students. The employment start date cannot be prior to the student's program start date; it must be on or after the program start date.



In addition, a validation error message that occurred when adding new CPT segments which overlapped with OPT segments is being removed, as CPT segments are allowed to overlap.

OPT Statement on Dependent Form I-20

When printing a Form I-20 for a dependent whose principal has a current or future OPT, the system will print the following statement on page 3 of the Form I-20 and include the student's request status and OPT dates:

Associated principal OPT Employment:
[Request Status] [Employment Begin Date] - [Employment End Date].

Associated Principal OPT Employment:	Start Date:	End Date:
OPT Employment Approved	09/08/2008	09/08/2009
OPT Extension Requested	09/09/2009	02/09/2011


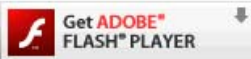
Get Plug-Ins Link

The *Get Adobe Reader* link on the SEVIS navigation bar will be replaced with a *Get Plug-Ins* link. Selecting the link will take the user to the SEVIS Plug-Ins screen.



Get Plug-Ins Link

The SEVIS Plug-Ins screen contains links to download the Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash Player. Adobe Reader is used to print forms, and Adobe Flash Player is required for viewing the tutorials.

Name	Description	Download
Adobe Acrobat	The Adobe Acrobat Reader is required for viewing and printing certain documents in SEVIS such as the Forms I-17, DS-3036, I-20, DS-2019, etc. The Reader version is freeware.	
Adobe Flash	The Adobe Flash Player is required for viewing the SEVIS tutorials. This software allows Flash "movies" to be played directly in your browser and is freeware.	

New Functionality in Batch in Release 6.0

The following new functionality is being added to Batch with Release 6.0:

- OPT 6 Month Reporting
- Cap-Gap Extension
- Pre-completion/
Post-completion OPT
Employment Indicator
- OPT Extension
- OPT Edit



OPT 6 Month Reporting (Batch)

In order to allow school users to Report OPT Participation using Batch, the *Student.OPTEmployment.ReportParticipation* event will be added to the Create-Update Student schema.

In addition, one new error code and corresponding description will be added to handle cases where the existing OPT extension does not match the verification criteria.

Error Code	Description
S1131	OPT 6 Month Reporting is not authorized at this time.

Cap-Gap Extension (Batch)

In order to allow school users to indicate a student has a Cap-Gap Extension using Batch, the *Student.Request.CapGapExtension* event will be added to the Create-Update Student schema.

In addition, three new error codes and corresponding descriptions will be added to handle cases where the student does not match the criteria to have a Cap-Gap Extension.

Error Code	Description
S1133	Student has a pending or approved COS from F-1 to H1-B
S1134	CapGapExtension of status [C, F, or T] has already been requested
S1135	CapGapExtension request not found

Pre-completion/Post-completion OPT Indicator (Batch)

In order to allow school users to select pre-completion or post-completion OPT using Batch, the pre-completion/post-completion OPT indicator will be added to the Create-Update Student schema for *OPTEmployment.Add* and *OPTEmployment.Edit* events.

In addition, three new error codes and corresponding descriptions will be added to handle cases where the pre-completion or post-completion OPT indicator is missing or is not valid.

Error Code	Description
S1127	[field] is required for this visa type
S1128	OPT end date must be less than or equal to the program end date
S1129	OPT start date must be equal to or greater than the program end date

OPT Extension (Batch)

To match SEVIS RTI, schools will be able to submit 17-month Optional Practical Training (OPT) Extensions for eligible F-1 students via Batch.

- As in SEVIS RTI, schools will not have the option to enter employment dates for OPT extensions.
- The OPT extension start date will be the day after the end date of the current Approved OPT segment on which the OPT extension is being requested; the OPT extension end date will be 17 months from the OPT extension start date.

To accommodate this change, the *Student.OPTEmployment.Extend* event will be added to the Create-Update Student schema.

In addition, two new error codes will be required to handle those OPT extensions which may not be requested.

Error Code	Description
S1124	OPT extension requests are authorized for approved, post-completion OPT only
S2216	OPT extension already exists

OPT Edit (Batch)

To match SEVIS RTI, schools will be able to edit all OPT fields prior to adjudication (i.e., Requested or Pending status OPT).

- For Approved status OPT, schools will only be able to update the employer name, employer address, course relevance, student remarks, and employment remarks up until the OPT end date.
- If the OPT is in Canceled, Denied, or Withdrawn status, or is in Approved status with an OPT end date in the past, editing will not be permitted.
- A new event, *Student.OPTEmployment.Edit*, will be added to the Create-Update Student schema.
- Two new error codes will be required to handle those OPT extensions which may not be requested.

Error Code	Description
S1122	[field] may not be edited
S1123	Update not permitted after employment end date

Batch Updates in Release 6.0

The following existing Batch functionality will be updated for F/M School Users with Release 6.0:

- OPT, CPT, and OCE Remarks fields
- OPT and CPT Employment Start Date Validation
- Validation Added to M-1 OPT Employment Start Date field
- Validation Added to Secondary Major/Minor fields
- Country Code Updates



Updates to OPT, CPT, and OCE Remarks Fields (Batch)

In order to accommodate these changes in Batch, Student Remarks will be added to the Create-Update Student schema for the following events:

- *OPTEmployment.Add*
- *OPTEmployment.Edit*
- *OPTEmployment.Extend*

In addition, the existing Create-Update Student schema employment comments/remarks elements listed in the table below will be modified to have a maximum length of 250 characters.

Prefix	Element	Comments
CPTEmployment.Add	CourseRelevance	Will also be changed to optional
CPTEmployment.Add	Remarks	No comment
OffCampusEmployment.Add	Recommendation	Will also be changed to optional
OffCampusEmployment.Edit	Recommendation	Will also be changed to optional
OPTEmployment.Add	CourseRelevance	Will also be changed to optional
OPTEmployment.Add	Remarks	No comment

OPT and CPT Employment Start Date Validation Updates (Batch)

Additional validation will be added to validate the CPT and OPT employment start dates for F-1 students in Batch. The employment start date cannot be prior to the students program start date; it must be on or after the program start date.

This change affects the following events:

- *Student.CPTEmployment.Add*
- *Student.OPTEmployment.Add*
- *Student.OPTEmployment.Edit*

In addition, two new error codes will be required to handle those OPT extensions that may not be requested.

Error Code	Description
S1136	OPT start date may not be prior to program start date
S1137	CPT start date may not be prior to program start date

Validation Added to M-1 OPT Employment Start Date Field (Batch)

To match SEVIS RTI, the school users will be able to enter an OPT Employment Start Date for M-1 students that is on or after the student's program end date. In previous versions of SEVIS, users were unable to enter an OPT Employment Start Date for M-1 students that was on the student's program end date.

This change affects the following events:

- *Student.OPTEmployment.Add*
- *Student.OPTEmployment.Edit*

The following error code description has been modified for this change:

Error Code	Description
S1047	OPT start date must be on or after program end date for this visa type

Validation Added to Secondary Major/Minor Fields (Batch)

To match SEVIS RTI, the fields “Secondary Major” and “Minor” will be required when creating or updating an F-1 student.

- If the student does not have a Secondary Major or Minor, the code 00.0000 may be used, with the description "None."
- This change is for F-1 students only (M-1 students should not have a Secondary Major or Minor), and affects the following events:
 - *Student.Create*
 - *Update.EducationLevel.Change*
 - *Update.Program.Edit*
- In order to accommodate this new requirement, a new table will be added to SEVIS Student and Dependent Lookup Tables entitled *Secondary Major and Codes for Students*. In addition, the existing table entitled *Major/Minor Codes for Students* will be renamed *Primary Major Codes for Students*.
- A new error code will be added for the validation.

Error Code	Description
S1138	F Student without Secondary Major and/or Minor

Country Codes Updates (Batch)

The Birth Country Codes, Citizenship/Residence Country Codes, and Passport Issuing Country Code lookup tables will be modified per the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency's Federal Information Processing Standards FIPS 10-4 Change Notice.

The following new country codes will be added:

Country Code	Country Description
KV	Kosovo
RI	Serbia

The following current country code will be removed:

Country Code	Country Description
RB	Serbia

Questions?

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SEVIS Toolbox

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Batch Information

<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/batch.htm>

User Manuals and Online Help

The user manuals and online help will be updated to reflect the changes addressed in this slide presentation. The user manuals will be posted to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program web site at www.ice.gov/sevis when release 6.0 goes into production.