

Attn: Student and Exchange Visitor Information System Users:

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is pleased to inform you of the enhancements to the SEVIS I-901 fee processing system effective April 13, 2006. Although the new system release, Release 4.1, will not have any direct impact on you, it will assist SEVP Administrators and the Case Resolution Unit in their resolution of application errors and tracking operations.

The enhancements for Release 4.1 include the following:

1. It allows SEVP Administrators the ability to update payment status in the I-901 system from cancelled to paid or from paid to cancelled which subsequently updates the payment status in SEVIS and Consular Consolidated Database (CCD).
2. Revise the payment site and lockbox so that when someone attempts to pay on a program that does not require an I-901 fee (G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-7), they will be given an error message/returned payment notice that alerts them that a fee is not due for that program.
3. Change the I-901 Customer Care Website to reflect all payment status changes initiated by DHS, which will ensure that the most current payment information will be available to students/exchange visitors.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this enhancement, you may contact SEVP by emailing fmjfee.sevis@dhs.gov. All emails regarding this issue should specify "Release 4.1" in the subject line of the email.

Thank You,
Student and Exchange Visitor Program