

SEVIS Release 5.10 System Changes

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The following summarizes the system changes to SEVIS with Release 5.10.

SEVIS Batch – F/M School Users

Note: Additional information can be found at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/batch.htm>.

Form I-20 Reprint Reason

A new Reprint Reason of "Updated" is available for F/M student Reprint I-20 events. Therefore, the following new Reprint Code and corresponding Request Reprint Reason has been added to the Student Reprint Codes lookup table.

Reprint Code	Request Reprint Reason
50	Updated

OPT Requests

School users may request Optional Practical Training (OPT) for F-1 students up to and including 60 days beyond the Program End Date. To accommodate this enhancement, the following current F/M Eligibility Processing Error Code and Description has been modified.

Error Code	Description
S1038	OPT request must be made no later than 60 days after the program end date

The Employment Start Date for F-1 student OPT requests may be no more than 61 days beyond the Program End Date. To accommodate this change, the following new F/M Eligibility Processing Error Code and Description has been added.

Error Code	Description
S1121	OPT start date may not be greater than 61 days beyond the program end date

Registration Next Session Start Date

School users may enter a Next Session Start Date that is greater than the Program End Date. Based on this validation change, the following F/M Eligibility Processing Error Code and Description has been removed.

Error Code	Description
S1117	Next session start date must be on or before the program end date

Country Codes

The Birth Country Codes, Citizenship/Residence Country Codes, and Passport Issuing Country Code lookup tables have been modified per a National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 10-4 Change Notice.

The following two new countries have been added.

Country Code	Country Description
RN	Saint Martin
TB	Saint Barthelemy

The following current country description has been updated.

Country Code	Country Description
TT	Timor-Leste

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – F/M School Users

F-1 Student Change of Status Requests to H-1B

When an Active status F-1 student record is updated by Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS) with a Pending or Approved status Change of Status (COS) request to H-1B, the following information prints on page 3 of the Form I-20:

- Visa Type (i.e., H-1B)
- Request Type (i.e., COS)
- Request Status (i.e., Pending or Approved)
- Receipt Number
- Benefit Start Date (Note: Can be blank for Pending status requests)
- System Comment (Note: This also displays on the Current Request/Authorization Details screen as well as with the COS request under Student Requests on the Student Information screen)

On the date the Pending or Approved status COS request to H-1B is received from CLAIMS, one of two actions occurs depending on the following:

- If the student has an Approved status current or future post-completion OPT (i.e., Employment End Date greater than Program End Date):
 - The System Comment is, "F-1 status and employment authorization for this student have been automatically extended to September 30, [current year]. 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."
 - The Employment End Date of the Approved status current or future post-completion OPT is updated to September 30, [current year].
- If the student does **NOT** have an Approved status current or future post-completion OPT, the System Comment is, "F-1 status for this student has been automatically extended to September 30, [current year]. 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."

Please note that if a Pending or Approved status COS request to H-1B is set to either Denied or Withdrawn status via either a CLAIMS or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) user update, the request no longer appears on the Request/Authorization Details screen, nor prints on the Form I-20. However, the System Comment will continue to display with the COS request under Student Requests on the Student Information screen.

Pending Change of Status Requests

When an Active status student record is updated by CLAIMS with a Pending status COS request to a non-SEVIS visa type (i.e., neither F-1 nor M-1), the Pending status COS request will display on both the Request/Authorization Details and Student Information screens.

Completed Status Nightly Job

When an F-1 student COS request to H-1B is set to Denied or Withdrawn status via either a CLAIMS or DHS user update, the student record will change to Completed status 60 days after the latest date of any of the following:

- Program End Date
- Approved status OPT Employment End Date
- Denied or Withdrawn status COS Receipt Date from CLAIMS

Form I-20 Reprint Reason

A new Reprint Reason of "Updated" is available for F/M student Reprint I-20 events. The new Reprint Reason is to be used after a COS from F-1 to H-1B is received from CLAIMS so that the student will have an updated copy of the Form I-20.

OPT Requests

School users may request OPT for F-1 students up to and including 60 days beyond the Program End Date. However, the Employment Start Date for F-1 student OPT requests may be no more than 61 days beyond the Program End Date.

Registration Next Session Start Date

School users may enter a Next Session Start Date that is greater than the Program End Date.

CIP Codes

The Student Information screen has been modified to display the Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) code for the student Major, Secondary Major and Minor.

Country Modifications

Per an NGA FIPS 10-4 Change Notice, the Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, and Passport Issuing Country drop-down lists have been updated to include "Saint Martin" and "Saint Barthelemy". Also, current country "East Timor" has been modified to read "Timor-Leste".

SEVIS Batch - J Program Sponsor Users

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SEVIS RTI – J Program Sponsor Users

Academic Training at College/University Programs

Program users may enter Academic Training segments for Active status exchange visitors (EVs) in the Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate, or Non-Degree categories. The following rules apply:

- The Academic Training Begin Date must be less than the Academic Training End Date
- Both the Academic Training Begin Date and End Date must fall within the EV program dates
- Segments of Academic Training may overlap

Upon submission of an Academic Training segment, program users may print a Form DS-2019 where the Purpose of the form states "Amend a previous form: Academic Training Added." Current and future segments of Academic Training print on Active status EV Forms DS-2019.

Prior to the Academic Training End Date, program users may update a segment of Academic Training for an Active status EV and print an updated Form DS-2019 where the Purpose of the form states "Amend a previous form: Academic Training Updated."

Program users may cancel a segment of Academic Training for an Active status EV. The date of the cancelation must be on or after the Academic Training Begin Date and before the Academic Training End Date. Once the Academic Training segment is canceled, it may no longer be updated. To print a Form DS-2019 after a segment of Academic Training is canceled, use the Reprint DS-2019 option on the Exchange Visitor Information screen. Select "Other" as the reason for printing the Form. Enter the following in the "If Other, Please Comment" text box: "Amend a previous form: Academic Training updated."

For EVs that have at least one segment of Academic Training, program users may view a history of the Academic Training segments that occurred at their program.

Program users have three ways to locate EVs with Academic Training:

- A new list containing Active status EVs with a current and/or future segment of Academic Training
- A new alert indicating EVs that have a current segment of Academic Training where the Academic Training End Date is in 30 days or less
- The addition of the "Search by Academic Training" criteria to the Exchange Visitor Search screen

Form DS-2019

- The page 1 header OMB expiration date is changed to “EXPIRES: 07-31-2011”
- The label of the fourth line of field 1 is changed from “U.S. Address” to “Primary Site of Activity”
- The footer OMB approval date is changed to “07-2008”

212(e) Indicator

SEVIS removes the 212(e) indicator on a Draft status EV record when the financial information is updated and the “Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement” no longer applies. When the updated record is submitted in SEVIS and the status of the record changes to Initial, the 212(e) indicator section of the printed Form DS-2019 is blank.

Pay.gov Text Updates

All screens and emails referencing fee payment information via Pay.gov are updated to reference the new fee regulation (22 CFR 62.17, Fees and Charges).

Country Modifications

Per an NGA FIPS 10-4 Change Notice, the Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, Country of Legal Permanent Residence, and Passport Issuing Country drop-down lists have been updated to include “Saint Martin” and “Saint Barthelemy”. Also, current country “East Timor” has been modified to read “Timor-Leste”.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

The (DS-2019) CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS OMB expiration date is changed to “EXPIRES: 07/31/2011”.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The SEVIS Online Help and user manuals for school and program sponsor users are updated as necessary to reflect the changes implemented into SEVIS Release 5.10.