SEVIS Release 5.4 System Changes

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The following summarizes the changes to SEVIS with Release 5.4.

SEVIS Batch

There are no changes to SEVIS Batch in Release 5.4; therefore, no updates to the batch schema are required.

F/M–Visa Schools

Correction Requests

Using the SEVIS interface, school officials are able to request changes to student records rather than contacting the SEVIS Help Desk. The requests will then be reviewed by the SEVP and the approval, denial or request for more information will be sent to the requester and PDSO, if not the requester, via email. The type of correction requests are:

1. Request Change to Student Status:

    Active *can be changed to* Canceled or Initial
    Canceled *can be changed to* Active, Completed, or Initial
    Completed *can be changed to* Active, Canceled, or Initial
    Initial *can be changed to* Completed or Terminated
    Terminated *can be changed to* Active, Canceled, Completed, or Initial

    Note: When requesting a change to Initial or Active status, the program dates may also be changed.

2. Request Change to Program Dates: The school official may submit this correction request for a student in the following status: Active, Canceled, Completed, Initial or Terminated.

    Note: Changing program dates will not change the student status. If a change to student status and program dates is needed, use the Request Change to Student Status option.

3. Request Change to Termination Reason: The school official may submit this correction request only for students in Terminated status.

4. Request Change to Student Request:

Request Type	Status	A correction request may be submitted to:
Change of Status to F-1 or M-1	Pending	Change request status to Approved, Denied, or Withdrawn
M-1 Extension	Pending	Change request status to Approved, Denied, or Withdrawn
M-1 Transfer	Pending	Change request status to Approved, Denied, or Withdrawn
Off-Campus Employment	Approved	Change employment dates
	Pending	Change request status to Approved, Denied, or Withdrawn as well as employment dates
Optional Practical Training	Approved	Change employment dates
	Pending	Change request status to Approved, Denied, or Withdrawn as well as employment dates

Student/Dependent Departure Data

The most recent available departure data displays for F/M students in the Port of Departure and Date of Departure fields in the Travel Information section of the *Student Information* screen and for Dependents, on the *Dependent Information* screen.

Student Lists and Alerts

The following lists and alerts have been revised:

Lists

Previous Title	New Title
Student Listing (for the selected School/Campus)	Student Listing
Saved Students	Draft Students
Terminated Status Students	Terminated Status Students (past 18 months)
Completed Status Students	Completed Status Students (past 18 months)
Canceled Status Students	Canceled Status Students (past 18 months)
Active Students With Off-Campus Employment (OCE)	Students With Pending or Approved Off-Campus Employment
Active Students With OPT	Students With Pending or Approved Optional Practical Training (OPT)
Active Students With Curricular Practical Training (CPT)	Students With Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
Students With Change of Status Requests	Students With a Pending Change of Status Request
Active Students With an Extension	Students With a Pending Extension Request
Active Students Authorized to Drop Below Full Course	Students Authorized to Drop Below Full Course
Students in Transfer Status	Students Transferring In
	Students Transferring Out
Requesting Reinstatement	Students Requesting Reinstatement

In addition, a new list has been added titled "Students With a Pending Data Correction Request". This list will include any student for which a correction request has been submitted through the new system functionality and the request is in Pending status.

Alerts

Previous Title	New Title
Dependent Children Nearing 21st Birthday	Dependent Children Within 90 Days of 21st Birthday
Unsubmitted Student Eligibility Records–Over 15 Days Old	Draft Student Eligibility Records – Over 15 Days Old
F-1 Students Nearing OPT or CPT End Date	F-1 Students Within 30 Days of OPT End Date
Students With Pending Change of Status Requests	Students With a Pending Change of Status Request

Both Lists and Alerts

Change of Status (COS) requests will display for the FROM school only if the request status is approved. Schools where a student is requesting to change status from F/M will only see the request on a list or alert once the request is approved. Schools where a student is requesting to attend as an F/M will see the request in any status and will see the student on the appropriate COS student lists and alerts.

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New Fields

1. When creating or editing an Exchange Visitor or dependent record, the following optional fields are now available on the electronic Form DS-2019:
   o Social Security Number
   o Driver's License Number
   o Driver's License Issue State
   o Individual Taxpayer ID Number
   o Foreign Address (available for the Exchange Visitor only)
2. When adding or editing site of activity information, optional comments may be entered into the "Remarks" textbox. The comments will display on the *Exchange Visitor Information* screen.

Annual Report Alerts

An Annual Report alert displays 30 days prior to the date the report is due to the Department of State. It will display for 30 days beginning on the second day of the month that the report is due.

Alert Links

The **Alert** indicator on the *Main* screen will only display when an alert exists.

Note: SEVIS does not send email notifications for alerts.

Departure Data

The most recent available departure date displays for Exchange Visitor on the Port of Departure and Date of Departure fields in the Visa/ POE Information section of the *Exchange Visitor Information* screen and for dependents on the *Dependent Information* screen.

Professor and Research Scholar

o The maximum duration of participation for the Professor and Research Scholar categories has been changed from 42 months to 60 months (5 years). An extension beyond the maximum duration of participation will only be allowed for these categories if the Exchange Visitors are in a specific program where the program number begins with the new program serial of G-7.
o The 90 day alert for the Professor and Research Scholar Exchange Visitor has been removed. However, all Exchange Visitors including those in the Professor and Research Scholar categories will be included in the "Exchange Visitors Nearing the Program End Date in 60 Days or Less" alert.

Active J-1 and J-2 Count

The *Program Information* screen has been modified to reflect the true number of Exchange Visitors and dependents whose SEVIS status is Active at the time the screen is being viewed.

Change of Category Financial Information

The *Change of Category Request* screen will be updated with additional financial information text boxes. When an Responsible Officer (RO)/Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) selects "Other" as a source of funding from either the *U.S. Government Agency(ies)* or *International Organization(s)* drop-down list, the agency/organization name must be entered in the text box. The **All other organizations providing support** field will also require entry of the organization name(s) if the Exchange Visitor will receive financial support from other organizations.

Retain 212(e) Flag for Exchange Visitor Transfers

If an Exchange Visitor is subject to the Two-Year Home-Country Physical Presence requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the 212(e) indicator on the record will transfer with the Exchange Visitor.

Note: Existing records that lost the indicator when the Exchange Visitor transferred will be corrected.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The user manuals and online help have been updated to reflect the changes implemented into SEVIS Release 5.4.