

SEVIS Release 6.5 System Changes

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The following summarizes the system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.5.

SEVIS Batch

No updates to the batch schema are required for SEVIS Release 6.5.

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – F/M School Users

There are no functionality changes for F/M School Users with SEVIS Release 6.5.

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – J Program Sponsor Users

Add Redesignation Date to the Redesignation Alert

The alert informing Responsible Officers/Alternate Responsible Officers (RO/AROs) that the program's redesignation date is nearing includes the date on which the program's designation expires. Also, the alert is removed when the program submits their redesignation request in SEVIS.

Capture additional contact information for Program Sponsors

RO/AROs may enter as well as update general contact information for their exchange visitor program. General contact information may be used by exchange visitors (EVs) and the general public to contact the program sponsor. The information entered into the General Contact Information fields in SEVIS will be published on the Department of State's Exchange Visitor Program web site sometime in the near future as part of the listing of designated sponsors. Completion of these fields is optional but considered to be beneficial in the administration of a designated program.

The data elements are:

- Web site URL
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- Email address

These data elements are different from the RO/ARO's phone/fax/email data also captured in SEVIS.

Visa expiration date for Exchange Visitor and spouse and dependents

SEVIS displays the visa expiration date on exchange visitor and spouse and dependent records.

Update Student Employment for Exchange Visitors

The Student Employment screen removed the radio buttons and modified the Employment Type drop-down list. There is one Employment Type drop-down list with five selections: Assistantship, Fellowship, Off-Campus, On-Premises, Scholarship.

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 6.5.