

SEVIS Release 6.6 System Changes

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The following summarizes the system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.6.

SEVIS Batch

An overview of the SEVIS Batch modifications with Release 6.6 can be found in the Release 6.6 Batch System Changes document on the SEVIS Batch page of ice.gov (<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/batch.htm>). The updated SEVISTable.xsd and Batch Application Program Interface (API), including the lookup tables, are also available on this page.

All Users

Inactivate Users after 45 Days of Inactivity

The time period for SEVIS to inactivate a user account for inactivity (i.e., no successful log in) will be changed from 90 days to 45 days. This change will also require modifications to the following:

- The “Users Who Have Not Logged In to SEVIS in 75 Days” alert provided to Principal Designated School Officials (PDSOs)/ Designated School Officials (DSOs) and Responsible Officers (ROs)/Alternate Responsible Officers (AROs) will be changed to “Users Who Have Not Logged In to SEVIS in 30 Days”
- The email sent to school officials and sponsor officials when a user at their school or program has not logged into SEVIS for 75 days will be updated to be sent after a user has had 30 days of inactivity

When Release 6.6 is implemented, a user whose last successful SEVIS log in is greater than 45 days in the past will have his/her account inactivated. Therefore, users are advised to log into SEVIS within 45 days prior to the Release 6.6 implementation to avoid this account inactivation.

F/M School Users

Classification of Instructional Programs 2010

The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has revised the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) to version CIP 2010. SEVIS Release 6.6 will be upgraded to contain these CIP 2010 codes and descriptions. The following sections break down the rules and requirements for the implementation of CIP 2010.

Conversion Rules upon Release 6.6 Implementation

Conversion from CIP 2000 to CIP 2010 will require automatic updating of the Primary Major, Secondary Major (F-1 only), and/or Minor (F-1 only) to CIP 2010. For this automatic conversion to occur, the student record must first meet certain criteria and second, the current value for each data element must have a corresponding value in CIP 2010 (**Note:** For a crosswalk of CIP 2000 to CIP 2010, visit the NCES website at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/default.aspx?y=55>). The following table defines those student records that will/will not be eligible for automatic conversion to CIP 2010.

Student Status	Program End Date	Eligible for Auto-Conversion
Active	<= Release 6.6 Implementation Date	No
	> Release 6.6 Implementation Date	Yes
Canceled	N/A	No
Completed	N/A	No
Deactivated	N/A	No
Draft	N/A	Yes
Initial	<= Release 6.6 Implementation Date	No
	> Release 6.6 Implementation Date	Yes
Terminated	N/A	No

If a student record meets the above conversion criteria but contains one of the CIP 2000 codes in the below table for the Primary Major, Secondary Major, and/or Minor, the associated data element(s) will not be converted. For example, if the Primary Major has a value of 05.9999, it will not be converted and this CIP 2000 code will remain on the student record post-Release 6.6. Conversion cannot occur as these CIP 2000 codes do not map to CIP 2010.

CIP 2000 Codes that do not Map to CIP 2010				
05.9999	21.0101	29.0101	51.1699	55.0101
55.0201	55.0301	55.0401	55.0501	55.0601
55.0701	55.0801	55.9999	60.0299	

Note: Pre-release, if a Draft, Initial (F-1 only), or Active (F-1 only) status student record contains any of these CIP 2000 codes, the PDSO/DSO may update the student's Primary Major, Secondary Major, and/or Minor to a CIP 2000 code that has a crosswalk to CIP 2010 so that conversion will automatically occur upon Release 6.6 implementation. Otherwise, the PDSO/DSO may wait for Release 6.6 to be implemented and then manually perform the update to CIP 2010.

Primary Major, Secondary Major, and Minor Selection Post-Release 6.6 Implementation

Post-release 6.6 implementation, PDSO/DSO selection of the Primary Major, Secondary Major, and/or Minor will work as follows:

- For an Active, Draft, or Initial student status record, selection will be from CIP 2010. The following related PDSO/DSO actions contain these data elements:
 - Change Education Level (F-1 only)
 - Create New Student
 - Create Transfer Form I-20
 - Program Information Edit (F-1 only)
- When submitting a Reinstatement request for a Completed or Terminated status student, selection will be dependent on the current CIP version for each data element. For example, if the Primary Major contains a CIP 2000 value and the PDSO/DSO wishes to update it when submitting the Reinstatement request, he/she will select from CIP 2000 (**Note:** See table in the next section for conversion to CIP 2010 if a Reinstatement request is approved).

Conversion Rules Post-Release 6.6 Implementation

Student records that do not meet the conversion criteria when Release 6.6 is implemented may have a subsequent update which will trigger the conversion to CIP 2010. As previously stated, this conversion is dependent on the CIP 2000 code for the Primary Major, Secondary Major, and Minor mapping to CIP 2010. The following bullets define actions that will automatically trigger conversion if performed on a non-converted legacy student record (i.e., created pre-Release 6.6):

- **Status Changes** – If a Canceled, Completed, or Terminated status student record is updated to either Active or Initial status post-Release 6.6, automatic conversion to CIP 2010 will occur. The below table outlines the possible student status changes that will result in conversion to CIP 2010.

Student record in this status...	Changes to this status post-Release 6.6...	Via one of the following actions...
Canceled	Active	Request Change to Student Status approved
	Initial	Request Change to Student Status approved
		Return to Initial Status submitted
Completed	Active	Reinstatement request approved
		Request Change to Student Status approved
	Initial	Reinstatement request approved
		Request Change to Student Status approved
Terminated	Active	Reinstatement request approved
		Request Change to Student Status approved
	Initial	Reinstatement request approved
		Request Change to Student Status approved

Note: When applicable, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may approve a school data fix request to perform one of these status changes. In this case, conversion to CIP 2010 will occur upon implementation of the data fix.

- **Defer Attendance** – If a student record in Initial status with a Program End Date less than the Release 6.6 implementation date is updated with a Program End Date greater than the Release 6.6 implementation date, automatic conversion to CIP 2010 will occur. PDSO/DSO submission of a Defer Attendance will trigger this update.
- **M-1 Extension** – If a student record in Active status with a Program End Date less than the Release 6.6 implementation has an M-1 Extension request subsequently approved, automatic conversion to CIP 2010 will occur. Either a Computer-Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS) approval or a DHS Data Fix to approve the M-1 Extension request will trigger this update.

CIP Conversion Event History

No matter what action converts the Primary Major, Secondary Major, and/or Minor on a student record to CIP 2010, an entry will be written for each converted data element in the Event History. The below summarizes the display of these events:

- For an F-1 student, the conversion of the Primary Major, Secondary Major, and Minor to CIP 2010 will be handled independently of one another. Therefore, if the student record meets the criteria for conversion, a separate event will be displayed in the Event History for each data element. For example, if both the Primary Major and Secondary Major have a CIP 2000 with a crosswalk to CIP 2010, events will be displayed for both post-implementation. However, if the Minor has a CIP 2000 code that does not map to CIP 2010, no event will be displayed as automatic conversion will not take place.
- Conversion will be run against Draft status student records when Release 6.6 is implemented. If the PDSO/DSO submits one of these records and sets it to Initial status, the conversion event(s) will be seen in Event History prior to the 'Record Created' event.

Student Search

The Search by Primary Major option in the Search by Status section of the Student Search will be modified to allow the PDSO/DSO to include one or two Primary Majors in the search. When performing a lookup of the Primary Majors to be included in the search, the results will be listed in ascending order by CIP code. If it so happens that the same CIP code exists in both CIP versions with a different description, the CIP 2000 entry will be listed first followed by the CIP 2010 entry.

J Program Sponsor Users

Classification of Instructional Programs 2010

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Conversion Rules upon Release 6.6 Implementation

Conversion from CIP 2000 to CIP 2010 will require automatic updating of Subject/Field to CIP 2010. For this automatic conversion to occur, the exchange visitor record must first meet certain criteria and second, the current Subject/Field value must have a corresponding value in CIP 2010 (**Note:** For a crosswalk of CIP 2000 to CIP 2010, visit the NCES website at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/default.aspx?y=55>). The below table defines those exchange visitor records that will/will not be eligible for automatic conversion to CIP 2010.

Exchange Visitor Status	Program End Date	Eligible for Auto-Conversion
Active	<= Release 6.6 Implementation Date	No
	> Release 6.6 Implementation Date	Yes
Draft	N/A	No
Inactive	N/A	No
Invalid	N/A	No
Initial	<= Release 6.6 Implementation Date	No
	> Release 6.6 Implementation Date	Yes
No Show	N/A	No
Terminated	N/A	No
Transferred	N/A	No

If an exchange visitor record meets the above conversion criteria but contains one of the CIP 2000 codes in the below table, the Subject/Field will not be converted. For example, if the Subject/Field has a value of 05.9999, it will not be converted and this CIP 2000 code will remain on the exchange visitor record post-Release 6.6. Conversion cannot occur as these CIP 2000 codes do not map to CIP 2010.

CIP 2000 Codes that do not Map to CIP 2010				
05.9999	21.0101	29.0101	51.1699	55.0101
55.0201	55.0301	55.0401	55.0501	55.0601
55.0701	55.0801	55.9999	60.0299	

Note: Pre-release, if a Draft, Initial (without visa issuance data), or Active status exchange visitor record contains any of these CIP 2000 codes, the RO/ARO may update the exchange visitor's Subject/Field to a CIP 2000 code that has a crosswalk to CIP 2010 so that conversion will automatically occur upon Release 6.6 implementation. Otherwise, the RO/ARO may wait for Release 6.6 to be implemented and then manually perform the update to CIP 2010.

Subject/Field Selection Post-Release 6.6 Implementation

Post-release 6.6 implementation, RO/ARO selection of the Subject/Field for an Active, Draft, or Initial exchange visitor record will be from CIP 2010. The following related RO/ARO actions contain the Subject/Field:

- Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar
- Category and Subject/Field Edit
- Change of Category Request
- Create New Exchange Visitor
- Create Transfer Form DS-2019
- Subject/Field Edit

Conversion Rules Post-Release 6.6 Implementation

Exchange visitor records that do not meet the conversion criteria when Release 6.6 is implemented may have a subsequent update which will trigger the conversion to CIP 2010. As previously stated, this conversion is dependent on the CIP 2000 code for the Subject/Field mapping to CIP 2010. The following bullets define actions that will automatically trigger conversion if performed on a non-converted legacy exchange visitor record (i.e., created pre-Release 6.6):

- Status Changes – If an Inactive, Invalid, No Show, or Terminated status exchange visitor record is updated to either Active or Initial status post-Release 6.6, automatic conversion to CIP 2010 will occur. The below table outlines the possible exchange visitor status changes that will result in conversion to CIP 2010.

Exchange visitor record in this status...	Changes to this status post-Release 6.6...	Via one of the following actions...
Inactive	Active	Correct Minor or Technical Infraction submitted
		Reinstatement request approved
		Extension Beyond Maximum Duration request approved
Invalid	Active	Correct SEVIS Status submitted
		Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status approved
	Initial	Correct SEVIS Status submitted
		Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status approved
No Show	Active	Correct SEVIS Status submitted
		Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status approved
Terminated	Active	Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status approved

Note: When applicable, the Department of State may approve a sponsor data fix request to perform one of these status changes. In this case, conversion to CIP 2010 will occur upon implementation of the data fix.

- Transfer Validation – If an exchange visitor record in Transferred status at the transfer-in program when Release 6.6 is implemented is validated by the RO/ARO post-Release 6.6, automatic conversion to CIP 2010 will occur.

CIP Conversion Event History

No matter what action converts the Subject/Field on an exchange visitor record to CIP 2010, an entry will be written in the Event History. As conversion will be run against Draft status exchange visitor records when Release 6.6 is implemented, if the RO/ARO submits one of these records and sets it to Initial status, the conversion event will be seen in Event History prior to the 'Record Created' event.

Exchange Visitor Search

The Subject/Field Code option in both the Search by Category and Search by Status sections of the Exchange Visitor Search will be modified to allow the RO/ARO to include one or two Subject/Fields in the search. When performing a lookup of the Subject/Fields to be included in the search, the results will be listed in ascending order CIP code. If it so happens that same CIP code exists in both CIP versions with a different description, the CIP 2000 entry will be listed first followed by the CIP 2010 entry.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The SEVIS Online Help and user manuals for school and program sponsor users will be updated as necessary to reflect the changes implemented into SEVIS Release 6.6.