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Comments

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Background

Since 2003 the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has developed a communications network to assist state motor vehicle offices (DMVs) understand SEVP’s regulations and policies and how other Department of Homeland Security organizations, such as Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE), interact with nonimmigrants. This network helped to alleviate most issues facing nonimmigrants applying for a benefit. There are still challenges facing nonimmigrants on a daily basis, however.

Purpose

The two most important benefits for which nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors apply are a driver’s license and a Social Security number. Therefore, SEVP is releasing a webinar and an updated DMV fact sheet to make these application processes easier to understand.

The new webinar, originally filmed in March 2010, explains the best practices for most states and the Social Security Administration (SSA). It also shares the perspectives of these SEVP sister organizations to better understand the flow of information:

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- REAL ID
- SAVE
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Customs and Border Protection

The newly updated DMV fact sheet has added information from SAVE, SSA and designated school officials. It also gives more details on the driver’s license application process, useful resources, and troubleshooting tips.

Links

DMV Webinar: <http://www.ice.gov/SEVIS/webinars>

DMV Fact Sheet: http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/dmv_factsheet.pdf

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