

Student and Exchange Visitor Program Office

Anticipated SEVIS Release 5.4 System Changes

Planned Production Release: Fall 2006

SEVIS Batch

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

F/M Schools

Change Requests

- Principal Designated School Official (PDSO) and Designated School Official (DSO) users will be able to request the following of a student record via SEVIS: Change to Student Status, Change to Program Dates and Change to Termination Reason. This capability allows school officials to request these changes through SEVIS rather than contacting the SEVIS Help Desk. The requests will then be adjudicated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Departure Data

- Available departure information for students and dependents will be displayed on the *Student Information* and *Dependent Information* screens.

Student Lists and Alerts

- All lists and alerts have been reviewed and revised. Below are some changes anticipated in this release:

Lists

- Title of "Requesting Reinstatement" student list will be changed to "Students Requesting Reinstatement".
- Title of "Students with Pending Data Correction Request" student list will be changed to "Students with a Pending Data Correction Request".
- The "Cancelled Status Students", "Terminated Status Students" and "Completed Status Students" lists are being modified to only include students in that status within the last 18 months.
- The "Students in Transfer Status" list is being split into two separate lists: "Students Transferring In" and "Students Transferring Out".
- A new list is being added for "Students with a Pending Data Correction Request".

Alerts

- Title of "Students with Pending Change of Status Requests" alert will be changed to "Students with a Pending Change of Status Request".
- The "Active Students Requiring Registration" alert is being modified to ensure that it will not include students who are beyond their program end date.
- The "F-1 Students Nearing OPT or CPT End Date" alert is being changed to "F-1 Students Within 30 Days of OPT End Date".
- A new alert for "Active Students Within 60 days of OCE End Date" will be added.
- The benefit start date is being added to the "Students Terminated Due to Change of Status Approved" alert.
- The "Students Within 45 Days of Program End Date" alert will be modified to exclude students who have pending or approved post-completion OPT or a pending extension request.
- The "Terminated Students Nearing Their Reinstatement Deadline" alert will exclude students who have already requested reinstatement.

Both Lists and Alerts

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

J Program Sponsors

Annual Report Alerts

- SEVIS will be corrected to provide program officials with a status reminder 30 days prior to their Annual Report due date. **Note:** The due dates for the Annual Reports are as follows: Academic Year: July 31st, Calendar Year: January 31st, and Fiscal Year: October 31st.

Alert Links

- The **Alerts** link, which displays on the *Main* screen, will be modified so that the link will only display when alerts are available.

Departure Data

- Available departure information for exchange visitors (EVs) and their dependents will be displayed on the *Exchange Visitor Information* and *Dependent Information* screens.

Professor and Research Scholar

- The maximum duration of participation for the Professor and Research categories has changed from 42 months to 60 months (5 years). An extension beyond the maximum duration will only be allowed for these categories if the EVs are in a specific program where the program number begins with the new program serial of G-7.

Active J-1 Count

- The **Number of Active J1 Exchange Visitors** field on the *Program Sponsor Information* screen will be modified so that it reflects the true number of Active status J-1 EVs.

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 EV will receive financial support from other organizations.

Retain 212(e) Flag for EV Transfers

- When an EV who is subject to the home-country two-year rule—212(e)—transfers, his or her Form DS-2019 at the transfer-in program will indicate that the EV is subject to 212(e). The records of EVs subject to 212(e) who have previously transferred and not retained the 212(e) flag will be corrected retroactively.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The user manuals, online help, and tutorials will be updated to reflect the changes noted above. Additional information will be provided in the Final SEVIS System Changes Notice.