

***This document describes the planned system changes for Batch File Processing (Batch) with SEVIS Release 6.0 – Phase 2. The outlined system changes will be available for testing in the Alpha testing environment beginning Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.***

**F/M Schools**

**M-1 OPT Start Date**

School users will be able to enter an OPT start date for an M-1 student that is on or after the student's program end date.

This change affects the following events:

- Student.OPTEmployment.Add
- Student.OPTEmployment.Edit

The following error code description has been modified for this change:

Error Code	Description
S1047	OPT start date must be on or after program end date for this visa type

**CPT and OPT Employment Start Date Validation**

Additional validation will be added to validate the CPT and OPT employment start dates for F-1 students. The employment start date cannot be prior to the students program start date; it must be on or after the program start date.

This change affects the following events:

- Student.CPTEmployment.Add
- Student.OPTEmployment.Add
- Student.OPTEmployment.Edit

The following new error codes and corresponding descriptions will be added to handle this validation.

Error Code	Description
S1136	CPT start date may not be prior to program start date
S1137	OPT start date may not be prior to program start date

**Secondary Major and Minor Fields**

The fields "Secondary Major" and "Minor" will be required when creating or updating an F-1 student. If the student does not have a Secondary Major or Minor, the PDSO/DSO may select code 00.0000 with the description "None".

This change is for F-1 students only, and affects the following events:

- Student.Create
- Update.EducationLevel.Change
- Update.Program.Edit

In order to accommodate this new requirement, a new table will be added to SEVIS Student and Dependent Lookup Tables entitled *Secondary Major and Codes for Students*. In addition, the existing table entitled *Major/Minor Codes for Students and Subject/Field Codes for Exchange Visitors* will be renamed *Primary Major Codes for Students and Subject/Field Codes for Exchange Visitors*.

A new error code and corresponding description will be added to handle this validation.

Error Code	Description
S1138	F student without Secondary Major and/or Minor

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### Country Code Table Update

The Birth Country Codes, Citizenship/Residence Country Codes, and Passport Issuing Country Codes lookup tables will be modified per a National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 10-4 Change Notice.

Two new countries will be added:

Country Code	Country Description
KV	Kosovo
RI	Serbia

One country code will be removed:

Country Code	Country Description
RB	Serbia

The SEVISTable.xsd file will be updated to reflect these changes.