

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Jan. 26, 2017

Re: Broadcast Message Recap (Dec. 17, 2016–Jan. 25, 2017)

Number: 1701-04

General Information

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On May 16, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) changed the Broadcast Message distribution process to reduce the influx of messages Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) users receive.

All messages are posted to the SEVIS message board and Broadcast Message archive page. Additionally, SEVP emails emergency, time-sensitive and Batch-related messages to pertinent users. To locate the Broadcast Message archive page, please visit ICE.gov's [What's New](#) page and click on the Broadcast Message tab in the gray header section.

Below is a list and brief description of the latest nonemergency messages posted to the SEVIS message board from Dec. 17, 2016–Jan. 25, 2017. Please check the message board to review each message in more detail.

- **DHS Extends Employment Authorization for Nepali F-1 Students:** On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [notice](#) on the Federal Register (FR) that provides an 18-month extension of the employment authorization for Nepali F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the April 25, 2015, earthquake in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.
- **Interim Final Policy Guidance Documents Released:** On Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, SEVP published the following interim final policy guidance documents for SEVP adjudicators:
 - **SEVP Policy Guidance S1.2.6: State Licensure Exemption Evidence**—Clarifies the evidentiary requirements for schools exempt from state licensure.
 - **SEVP Policy Guidance S4.3: Change of Ownership**—Interprets the change of ownership regulation for SEVP-certified schools. The guidance covers change of ownership thresholds, the types of changes requiring reporting and determining the date of change.
- **SEVIS Auto-cancelation of USCIS Requests in Requested Status after 180 Days:** On Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, SEVP will implement the auto-cancelation function in SEVIS for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services requests that have been in Requested status for more than 180 days.

Note: Schools and school officials are responsible for information contained in messages from SEVP and the U.S. Department of State, regardless of whether the information is sent via email or only posted to the SEVIS message board.

SEVP will provide updates in the coming months about additional improvements made to the Broadcast Message functionality in SEVIS.

If you have questions, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except holidays and Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET.

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