

## **Broadcast Message—SEVP transitions to a new Form I-515A processing system**

**To:** International students and designated school officials

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**Re:** SEVP transitions to a new Form I-515A processing system

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### **General Information**

This week, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is transitioning to an enhanced Form I-515A, “Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor,” processing system. This system integrates data sources from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the agency that grants Form I-515A admissions.

Due to technical difficulties associated with these transition efforts, SEVP is currently experiencing increased processing times for recently received Form I-515A cases. SEVP is updating its system in order to better support the affected international student community.

Please see below for important reminders regarding this transition:

- Schools may see duplicate Form I-515A notifications from SEVP due to the system update; please disregard duplicate messages.
- No negative actions will be taken against cases that are impacted by this transition period.
- SEVP strongly advises against resubmitting copies of paperwork that was already provided. The program hopes to process all affected cases as soon as the system allows.
- SEVP will update duration of status information in the Traveler Enforcement and Compliance System for students approaching their 30-day limit.
- SEVP will distribute an updated message to stakeholders once normal system operations have been restored.
- Students can send the SEVP Response Center questions regarding this system update to [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov).

### **Comments**

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