

Broadcast Message: SEVP Fee Rule: What DSOs Should Know

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

On May 23, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [published a final rule](#) to adjust the fees charged to students, schools and exchange visitors. The fee rule will be implemented at 12 a.m. EDT on June 24, 2019, at which point the following fee changes will take effect:

- The school certification petition fee for initial certification will increase from \$1,700 to **\$3,000**.
- DHS will maintain the **\$655** fee for a site visit for a petitioning school and its additional schools or campuses during initial certification.
- There will be a **\$1,250** fee for SEVP-certified schools submitting a petition for recertification.
- DHS will also charge a **\$655** fee when an SEVP-certified school changes its physical location or adds a new physical location or campus to its Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student."
- There will be a **\$675** fee when schools file the Form I-290B, "Notice of Appeal or Motion."

Important Things for Schools to Note:

- Schools will continue to pay all fees related to the Form I-17, as well as the new Form I-290B fee, at [Pay.gov](#).
- Should a school submit a complete initial certification, recertification petition, petition update or Form I-290B before the June 24, 2019, fee implementation date, the school *will not* be required to pay the new or increased fee retroactively while in submitted status.
- If SEVP cancels or rejects a school's submission on or after June 24, 2019, because the original petition was incomplete, your school will be required to pay the new fees when resubmitting your petition.

- If your school has received the 180-day notice to submit for recertification (which means that your school’s certification expiration date (CED) is within the next 180 days), your school should submit for recertification as soon as possible before June 24, 2019, to avoid paying the new fees.
- Be sure to submit any [updates](#) to the Form I-17 along with your school’s recertification petition prior to June 24, 2019.
- If your school submits a Form I-17 petition update before submitting for recertification, the petition is then locked for edits while pending adjudication of the update. If your school submits a Form I-17 petition update after June 1, 2019, and your school has a CED within the next 180 days, your school is at risk of not having the update adjudicated in enough time to unlock the Form I-17 and submit for recertification before the new fee takes effect.

For more information on SEVP’s new fees, please read the [SEVP Announces Changes to Program Fees](#) blog, and the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System Help Hub page on [Paying the Form I-17 Fees](#).

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