

Broadcast Message: Changes to SEVIS Government Users Annual Verification

To: SEVIS Government Users and their Supervisors

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Re: Changes to SEVIS Government Users Annual Verification

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is simplifying the annual verification process for Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) government users by standardizing the verification period for all SEVIS users. The updated process will:

- Allow supervisors to verify all SEVIS users they manage at one time.
- Send email notices and reminders to SEVIS users about the verification process, associated deadlines and consequences.

As a federal information system, SEVIS is subject to the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). FISMA requires an annual verification that all users who access a federal system have both the business need and the authorization to access the system. To comply with FISMA, government supervisors must annually verify that users are still employed at the same federal government agency and require access to SEVIS in their current role.

Improvements to SEVIS Government Users Annual Verification Process

Starting December 2019, annual verification will be required for all SEVIS government users every year between Dec. 2 and March 2 of the following year. During the verification period SEVIS government users and their federal supervisors will:

- Receive email reminders about the verification process.
- See annual verification reminder banners in SEVIS upon login until verification is complete.

Federal supervisors will also have the option to verify all the SEVIS government users they manage at one time.

If federal supervisors do not complete annual verification for all supervised users by March 2 at 11:59 p.m. ET, those SEVIS users will only be able to update their SEVIS profiles to change personal information or their federal supervisor information.

If federal supervisors do not complete annual verification for all supervised users by April 2 at 11:59 p.m. ET, those SEVIS users' access will be revoked. They will need to complete the entire SEVIS Account Management process again to regain SEVIS access.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the SEVIS annual verification process, see the [Government Annual User Verification Guide](#) on ICE.gov under the Federal Users tab. You can also contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829, or via email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays.

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