

Broadcast Message: SEVIS NOTICE – SEVIS Release 6.60

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.60 on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021. This release does not have any new functionality for F/M school users, but J program users will see the following changes:

- If the I-901 SEVIS fee has not been paid for an exchange visitor (EV) participating in a G-4, G-5, or G-6 program, the Responsible Officer/Alternate Responsible Officer will not be able to change the status to Active using any of the following actions:
 - Validate – from Initial to Active,
 - Validate – from Transferred to Active,
 - Correct SEVIS Status,
 - Reinstatement – Update SEVIS,
 - Correct Minor or Technical Infraction, or
 - Reinstatement,
- New flag on the *Program Information* page indicates whether the EV sponsor uses batch processing.

For more information on the SEVIS release, see the [SEVIS Release 6.60 Planning Guide](#) on the SEVIS Help Hub, [SEVIS Enhancements](#) page.

The SEVIS Production environment and SEVIS Batching will NOT be available from Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, 8:00 p.m. (EDT) to Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, 12:00 a.m. (EDT).

If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice, 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 federal holidays.

FOR BATCH USERS ONLY:

SEVIS batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled upgrade is complete. Please refrain from uploading files in the Production environment during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will generate an error and users will have to reupload those files once the Production environment is available.

Comments

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