

Broadcast Message: DHS Redesignates and Extends Special Student Relief Employment Benefits to Haitian Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

On Jan. 25, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the suspension of certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students from Haiti who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the current crisis in Haiti. This notice redesignates Special Student Relief (SSR) to include eligible students who are in a lawful F-1 status as of Jan 26, 2023, and extends relief until Aug. 3, 2024.

This notice temporarily suspends applicable on-campus and off-campus employment regulations for eligible Haitian students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Haiti and will announce any additional modifications or extensions to these notices in the Federal Register.

The notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who, on the date of publication of the notice, meet all of the following conditions:

- Are a citizen of Haiti regardless of country of birth (or an individual having no nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti);
- Were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status;
- Are enrolled in a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified school;
- Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and
- Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Haiti.

The suspension of these requirements will remain in effect until Aug. 3, 2024, for eligible Haitian students.

Please refer to the Haiti Federal Register Notice for more information regarding:

- The specific SSR action effective with this notice;
- Who is covered by this SSR action;
- Why DHS took this SSR action; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under this SSR action.

For more information about SSR and when eligible students may apply, please access the [F-1 Special Student Relief Fact Sheet](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.gov/SEVP) and the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). If you have case-specific 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 federal holidays.

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