

Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.82 and SEVIS Release 6.82.1

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

SEVIS Release 6.82

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.82 on Friday, April 18, 2025, from 8 p.m. to Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 12 a.m. EDT.

This release includes system fixes for F/M school users and J program sponsors, plus an additional J program enhancement:

- **F/M SEVIS system fix:** The principal designated school official (PDSO) password field for the Form I-17 Update and Recertification submission attestation will allow up to 64 characters.
- **J SEVIS system fix:** For responsible officers (ROs) and alternate responsible officers (AROs), the **Cancel EV** link will not display if an exchange visitor (EV) is in Initial status and the record contains port of entry information.
- **J SEVIS enhancement:** If RO/AROs do not submit a redesignation application three months before the designation expiration date, they will receive an email reminder.

Information about this release is available in the [SEVIS Release 6.82 Planning Guide](#), located on the [SEVIS Enhancements](#) page in the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

SEVIS Release 6.82.1

SEVP will deploy SEVIS Release 6.82.1 on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 8 p.m. to Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 12 a.m. EDT.

In accordance with Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology, Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government:

- All SEVIS data fields labeled Gender will be changed to Sex.
- The Other option will no longer be available for the Sex data field when creating or updating an Initial F/M student, EV or dependent SEVIS record. If an EV's sex is Other, it must be changed if updates are made on the Biographical Information page.

Information about this release is available in the [SEVIS Release 6.82.1 Planning Guide](#), located on the [SEVIS Enhancements](#) page in the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

For questions about this release, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except for federal holidays.

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