

## **Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Release 6.82.1 Rescheduled**

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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### **General Information - SEVIS Release 6.82.1**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) rescheduled the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.82.1 to Friday, May 16, 2025, from 8 p.m. to Saturday, May 17, 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, SEVIS Release 6.82.1 will ensure that:

- All SEVIS data fields labeled Gender will change to Sex.
- The Other option will not be available for the Sex data field when creating or updating an Initial F/M student, Exchange Visitor (EV) or dependent SEVIS record. If an EV's sex is Other, it must change when updating the *Biographical Information* page.

This release only affects the SEVIS real-time interface (RTI). SEVP will send a later broadcast message announcing the release that will update this functionality for SEVIS Batch. Until the SEVIS Batch release, SEVIS users should only use the Male and Female sex options when Batching after Release 6.82.1 deploys.

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](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov). The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except for federal holidays.

### **FOR BATCH USERS ONLY**

SEVIS Batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled release 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.

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