



Non-Accredited Schools Evidence Checklist Form I-17 Section 3

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) developed the guidelines in this document to provide additional information regarding required evidence, in accordance with federal regulations, to designated school officials (DSOs) for schools seeking SEVP certification or making updates to the Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student."

The evidence described in the guidelines below correspond with the Evidence Checklists that can be found on the [Schools and Programs](#) page at ICE.gov/SEVP. If you are petitioning on behalf of a school seeking initial SEVP certification, review the information under the Certification header. If your school is already SEVP-certified and is making edits to its Form I-17, review the information under the Petition Updates header to locate the appropriate Evidence Checklist for your school.

The evidence below is **not** an exhaustive list. SEVP may issue a Request for Evidence (RFE) to your school through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) outlining additional information to be provided by a specified due date. All documents are subject to verification.

Overarching Guidelines

- School officials should regularly review their Form I-17 to ensure compliance with all relevant laws, policies and regulations.
- For English language training programs, U.S. Department of Education recognized accreditation is required per regulation.
- All evidence must be uploaded at one time using the [Upload Evidence](#) functionality in SEVIS. Evidence documents should not be encrypted, password protected, cannot exceed 10 MB per document and must be in one of the following file formats:
 - .CSV
 - .DOC
 - .DOCX
 - .GIF
 - .JPEG
 - .JPG
 - .PDF
 - .PNG
 - .TXT
 - .XLS
 - .XLSX
- If you are unable to provide a listed item, upload a statement identifying the item and detailing the reason why it cannot be provided.
- If identical evidence is required when editing more than one field, you are not required to submit the same documentation multiple times. One piece of evidence can support multiple sections or fields.
- If your petition was previously cancelled for an incomplete submission, you must upload all evidence again with your new submission.



- If your Form I-17 is locked in SEVIS—meaning that you are unable to make edits—and you need to report a change, submit a statement detailing the requested edits along with corresponding evidence to SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. Include your school's name and school code in the subject line of the email.

Section 3: Accreditation and Recognition

[Field 3.2 U.S. Department of Education Recognized Accrediting Agencies](#)

[Field 3.3 SEVP Identified Accrediting Agencies](#)

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[Field 3.6 Federal Aviation Administration Certification](#)

Field 3.2 U.S. Department of Education Recognized Accrediting Agencies

- If adding an accrediting agency, see the [Accredited Schools Evidence Checklist for Form I-17 Section 3](#).

Field 3.3 SEVP Identified Accrediting Agencies

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Field 3.4 State Recognitions

- State Recognition or Proof of Exemption.
- Explanatory Statement for Edits to the Form I-17.

NOTE: Needed if removing a recognition or exemption.

Field 3.6 Federal Aviation Administration Certification

- If adding or updating a certification, see the [Accredited Schools Evidence Checklist for Form I-17 Section 3](#).