

**To:** All SEVIS Users

**Date:** March 8, 2016

**Re:** Notices and Terminations for Failure to Comply with Form I-515A Directive

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## **General Information**

Beginning on April 1, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will send “Intent to Terminate” letters to students, exchange visitors and/or their dependents who have failed to comply with the Form I-515A, “Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor,” directive. Recipients will have 14 additional days, as of the date the letter is sent, to respond to the Form I-515A. Failure to comply will result in termination of the recipient’s Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record, which will flag the nonimmigrant as a possible visa violator in official U.S. Department of Homeland Security systems.

Please visit [ICE.gov](http://ICE.gov) and download the [Form I-515A Noncompliance Termination Procedure](#) PDF, which can be found on both the [What’s New](#) and [Travel](#) pages. Also visit [Study in the States](#), for additional information about how to successfully comply with the Form I-515A directive.

## **Background**

Based on validation studies conducted on records for students, exchange visitors and their dependents, a significant number of nonimmigrants issued a Form I-515A remain in the United States beyond the 30-day authorized period of stay, without submitting the required admission documents to SEVP. In addition, SEVP has found that many nonimmigrants enter the United States under one SEVIS ID, but attend school or participate in their exchange visitor program using a different SEVIS ID.

Compliance with this issue entails submittal of all required documentation to the SEVP Form I-515A Processing Team. Failure to comply with the Form I-515A directive will result in SEVP terminating the SEVIS record of the student or exchange visitor, which will end his or her authorized period of stay in the United States. For more information, please visit the [What is a Form I-515A?](#) page on Study in the States.

If you have questions about the above guidance, 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.

## **Comments**

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