

Broadcast Message—SEVP transitions to a new Form I-515A processing system

To: International students and designated school officials

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Re: SEVP transitions to a new Form I-515A processing system

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General Information

This week, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is transitioning to an enhanced Form I-515A, “Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor,” processing system. This enhanced system integrates data sources from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the agency that grants the 30-day Form I-515A admissions, to provide improved service to the international student community.

Please see below for important reminders regarding this enhanced system:

- SEVP will continue the compliance aspect of the Form I-515A project normally, as only a few cases have been affected over the transition period. SEVP is actively monitoring these cases. The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System records of noncompliant students will continue to be terminated if the necessary evidentiary requirements are not submitted on time.
- The new automated notification process for student entry will involve users receiving two emails in succession, the latter containing a necessary password. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Privacy Office requires this two-step process for emails containing personally identifiable information.
- SEVP will continue to work with system developers to add document reference numbers to outgoing emails to schools with several affected students to ensure better tracking.
- SEVP will also continue to work with system developers to be able to re-send notices that may not have been received by a recipient.
- Students with a Form I-515A who depart within the 30-day period granted by CBP will now have their case automatically closed as being in compliance, as SEVP has direct connection to pertinent CBP systems. However, SEVP requests that students and/or school officials email the I-515A team at SEVIS.I-515@ice.dhs.gov with information on pending departures, so that affected students are not terminated inappropriately.

Comments

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