

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Dec. 20, 2016

Re: Corrected Broadcast Message Recap (Dec. 1–Dec. 16, 2016)

Number: 1612-11

General Information

Broadcast Message Recap: (Dec. 1–Dec. 16, 2016)

On May 16, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) changed the Broadcast Message distribution process to reduce the influx of messages Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) users receive.

SEVP only sends emergency, time-sensitive and Batch-related messages via email. All other messages are posted to the SEVIS message board and to the Broadcast Message archive page. To locate the Broadcast Message archive page, please visit ICE.gov's [What's New](#) page and click on the Broadcast Message tab in the gray header section.

Below is a list and brief description of the latest non-emergency messages posted to the SEVIS message board from Dec. 1–Dec. 16, 2016. Please be sure to check the message board to review each message in more detail.

- **MAVNI Program Status for Fiscal Year 2017:** The U.S. Army will not accept Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 until they complete the revisions of the implementation plan for FY 2017. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has implemented additional and retroactive security protocols that all MAVNI applicants must satisfactorily complete. The Army is in the process of drafting a plan to implement OSD's increased security protocols. Once OSD approves the implementation plan, the Army will begin processing new applicants who meet MAVNI program eligibility requirements for enlistment in FY 2017.
- **USCIS Policy Memo PM-602-0114 and MAVNI Enlistees:** On Nov. 23, 2016, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued Policy Memorandum (PM)-602-0114, titled Discretionary Options for Designated Spouses, Parents, and Sons and Daughters of Certain Military Personnel, Veterans, and Enlistees. Certain MAVNI program participants who have experienced delays in reporting to basic training fall out of nonimmigrant status due to the length of the enlistment process. This USCIS notice provides clarification on parole in place and deferred action options for MAVNI program participants and their family members.
- **Delayed Implementation of Upload Evidence Functionality for SEVIS Correction Requests:** The SEVIS Release 6.31 is scheduled for Dec. 18, 2016. New functionality included in this release will be delayed until early 2017 to address virus scanning issues.

This functionality includes allowing users who have submitted correction requests to upload supporting evidence through SEVIS.

Note: Schools and school officials are responsible for information contained in messages from SEVP and the U.S. Department of State, regardless of whether the information is sent via email or posted directly to the SEVIS message board.

SEVP will provide updates in the coming months about additional improvements made to the Broadcast Message functionality in SEVIS.

If you have questions, 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, except holidays and Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET.

Comments

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