



U.S. Immigration
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SEVP

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

National Association of State Administrators and
Supervisors of Postsecondary Schools (NASASPS)

Annual Conference Briefing

April 29, 2014

Agenda

- About SEVP
- Certification and Recertification
- Compliance Updates
- Policy News
- Field Representatives Roll-out
- Partner Coordination and Outreach
- Government Resources
- Question and Answer

About SEVP

- Certify institutions
- Recertify every two years
- Monitor compliance
- Withdraw schools
- Develop policy for institutions and students
- Outreach to stakeholders
- Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
- SEVP Analysis and Operations Center (SAOC)
- SEVP Response Center (SRC)
- SEVP Field Representatives

Division of Responsibility with Department of State



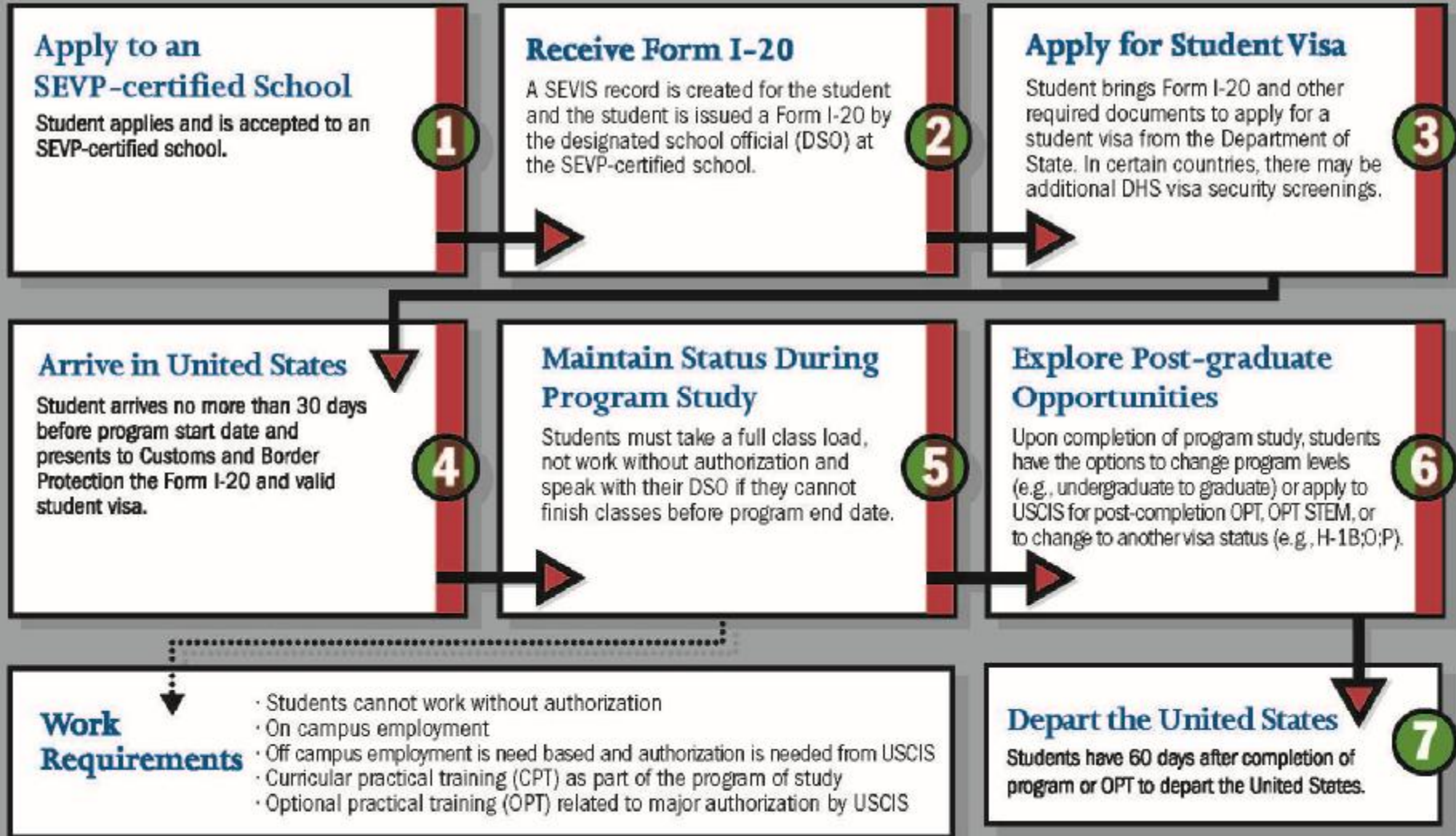
- SEVP certifies schools
- SEVP maintains SEVIS
- SEVP manages participation of F and M nonimmigrant students
- State Department designates exchange visitor program sponsors
- State Department issues F, M and J visas
- State Department manages exchange visitors

Forms Overview

Form I-17	Form I-20	Form I-901
<p>“Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student”</p>	<p>“Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status”</p>	<p>“I-901 SEVIS fee”</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted electronically to apply for and maintain a school’s certification in SEVIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper record of information in SEVIS Necessary for visa application Signed by designated school official (DSO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fee is \$200 for F and M students Paid once, before the student comes into the United States. Associated with the SEVIS ID on the Form I-20

Nonimmigrant Student Life Cycle

To learn more about U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), watch SEVP 101 at <http://StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/SEVP101>



Certification Process

Schools wishing to enroll nonimmigrant students must:

1. Apply and be granted SEVP certification to accept nonimmigrant students
 - File the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form I-17, “Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student”
 - Provide required evidence
 - Receive a school visit from SEVP
 - Complete a comprehensive adjudication process
2. Appoint a DSO
3. Submit to continuous monitoring through SEVIS for compliance with federal regulations

Certification vs. Accreditation

- Certification
 - Granted by SEVP
 - Required to enroll nonimmigrant students
 - Recertification every two years
- Accreditation
 - From a regional or national organization
 - Recognized by U.S. Department of Education (ED)

Ø Separate distinctions

Ø Accreditation by an ED-recognized organization can simplify the process for SEVP certification

Certification Updates

- Initials and updates
 - Committed to reducing wait times
- Recertification
 - 100% of all eligible schools have been notified
 - Rolling process
- Resources
 - Certification best practices
 - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/schools/certification
 - Form I-17 Tutorial
 - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/i-17-tutorial

SEVP Analysis & Operations Center

- Compliance best practices
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Accreditation Act update
 - December 14, 2013 deadline
 - Guidance for affected institutions
- Out of cycle reviews and site visits
- Optional practical training (OPT) update
 - Best practices and reminders

Policy Updates

- Draft Guidance for comment
 - Welcome stakeholder feedback
 - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/draft-guidance
- Regulatory updates
 - DSO limitations
 - Dependent part-time study
- A look ahead
 - Upcoming draft guidance feedback opportunities

Field Representatives

- Hired first 15 of 60 field representatives
 - Serve as liaison between SEVP and schools
 - 60 field representatives will be distributed across three regions (east, west, central)
 - 8 week training at SEVP
- Deployment schedule
 - First class: April 2014
 - Upcoming classes: hiring announced on USAjobs.gov

Intergovernmental Coordination

- The White House
- Department of Homeland Security Headquarters
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Congressional Members and Staff
- Office of Management and Budget
- Department of Education
- Department of State
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- Social Security Administration
- Department of Motor Vehicles

Government Resources

- *Study in the States*
 - Webinars and Live Q&A sessions
 - SEVP guidance for comment
 - Social media platforms
 - Twitter: @StudyinStates
 - Facebook: Facebook.com/StudyintheStates
 - Blog: StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/blog
- SEVP publications
 - *SEVP Spotlight Newsletter (Quarterly)*
 - *SEVP Conference Bulletin (Monthly)*

SEVP Values Your Feedback

- Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey
 - StudyintheStates.dhs.gov/schools/conferences/survey

Question and Answer

- For case specific questions, contact the SEVP Response Center:
 - (703) 603–3400
 - SEVP@ice.dhs.gov
 - Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, except holidays
- For technical issues, contact the SEVIS Help Desk:
 - (800) 892–4829
 - Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, except holidays