

# SEVIS Release 6.13 Final System Changes

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The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.13.

## SEVIS Batch

An overview of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Batch modifications with Release 6.13 can be found in the SEVIS Batch System Changes – Releases 6.13 – Version 2 document on the SEVIS Batch page of ice.gov (<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/batch.htm>). The updated SEVIS Common schema, Create-Update Exchange Visitor schema, and SEVIS Transaction Log schema as well as the Release 6.13 Batch Application Program Interface (API) are also available on this page. Note that these documents will be removed from the page on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the production implementation of Release 6.13.

## All Users

### User Interface

We will enhance the SEVIS Real-Time Interactive (RTI) user interface with a new banner and color scheme. A preview of the SEVIS RTI logon screen is shown below for reference:

SEVIS Student & Exchange Visitor Information System

OMB 1653-0028  
OMB 1405-0147  
OMB 1405-0119

Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)

WARNING

You are about to access a Department of Homeland Security computer system. This computer system and data therein are property of the U.S. Government and provided for official U.S. Government information and use. There is no expectation of privacy when you use this computer system. The use of a password or any other security measure does not establish an expectation of privacy. By using this system, you consent to the terms set forth in this notice. You may not process classified national security information on this computer system. Access to this system is restricted to authorized users only. Unauthorized access, use, or modification of this system or of data contained herein, or in transit to/from this system, may constitute a violation of section 1030 of title 18 of the U.S. Code and other criminal laws. Anyone who accesses a Federal computer system without authorization or exceeds access authority, or obtains, alters, damage, destroys, or discloses information, or prevents authorized use of information on the computer system, may be subject to penalties, fines or imprisonment. This computer system and any related equipment is subject to monitoring for administrative oversight, law enforcement, criminal investigative purposes, inquiries into alleged wrongdoing or misuse, and to ensure proper performance of applicable security features and procedures. DHS may conduct monitoring activities without further notice.

User Name:

Password:

[Register for New Account](#)  
[Request Password Reset](#)

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### **SEVIS Warning Statement**

We will modify the WARNING statement on the SEVIS RTI logon screen to read as follows:

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### **Section 508 Compliance**

According to an approved Section 508 Remediation plan, steps to make SEVIS compliant with Section 508 standards will initiate with Release 6.13. While the majority of the modifications planned for Release 6.13 will be transparent to users, a few examples are listed below:

- Section 508 standard 1194.22 (o) will permit users to skip the repetitive navigation links on the navigation bar
- Section 508 standard 1194.22 (a) will be available for all new and modified existing screens so all images have an equivalent text description
- Section 508 standards, as designed by the commercial-off-the-shelf product used for development, will be applied to the Online Help

## **F/M School Officials**

### **RFE-Edit I-17 Update Application**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Office will have the ability to request a Request for Evidence – Edit (RFE-Edit) on submitted I-17 Update applications. If a school has a Form I-17 Update application in RFE-Edit status, the following will apply:

- An email will be sent to the school's Principal Designated Official (PDSO) listed on the Form I-17 advising that an RFE-Edit has been requested on the I-17 Update application
- The [RFE-Edit School](#) link will be available to the school's officials within the Action section of the School Information screen to allow for editing of the I-17 Update application for submission
- The [Edit School](#) and [View Submitted Update](#) links will not be available to the school's officials
- If a Draft status I-17 Update exists for the school, it will be auto-deleted

Note that the fields available to the school's PDSO and Designated School Official(s) (DSOs) will be the same as a standard I-17 Update application. That is, all data will be available for editing by the PDSO whereas only certain data will be available for editing by DSOs.

### **Approved School Data on Form I-20**

A correction to SEVIS will address an issue where new data from submitted I-17 Update applications pending SEVP adjudication was printing on the following fields of the student Form I-20:

- Page 1, Section 2
  - Campus Name (Second line within School Name)
  - School Address
- Page 1, Section 10 and Page 3, Signature
  - Place Issued

The update will address this issue so that only existing approved school data will print in these fields.

## **J Sponsor Officials**

### **Duplicate Site of Activity Names**

With this release, sponsor officials will be able to use the same name for multiple Sites of Activity (SOA) on an Exchange Visitor (EV) record. Therefore, the validation to restrict the same name for multiple sites will be removed from SEVIS RTI. In addition, each site will be assigned a unique identification (ID) number that will display in a new SOA ID field. The SOA ID is mainly for use by Batch programs; details on the purpose for and uses of it can be found in the Batch documents referenced on Page 1.

### **Print Site of Activity Name on Form DS-2019**

The name of the Primary Site of Activity will print on the Form DS-2019, "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status." The name and address of the Primary Site of Activity will print within the Primary Site of Activity section on Page 1 of the form.

### **Correction/REUP for No Show Transfers**

The system change will modify the process for a Responsible Officer (RO) and/or Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) to submit either a Correct SEVIS Status or Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status (REUP) request for a *No Show* status transfer-in EV record. In order to set or request that the EV record be set to *Active* status, the RO/ARO will be required to page through three screens to enter/verify Program Dates, Subject/Field, Current U.S. Address, Site of Activity, and Financial information. This enhancement is necessary to address cases where a transfer-in exchange visitor record is set to *No Show* status prior to creation of the Form DS-2019.

### **EIN Date of Issuance**

The Employer Identification Number (EIN) Date of Issuance field will be added to the following screens:

- Update Program Sponsor Information: Entry by an RO/ARO will be conditional in that if an EIN value exists then a Date of Issuance value will be required
- Program Information: If an EIN value exists, it will display as read-only to the RO/ARO

### **Emergency Telephone Number**

The Emergency Telephone Number field will be added to the General Contact Information section of the Update Program Sponsor Information screen. Entry by an RO/ARO will be optional.

## **User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials**

SEVIS Online Help and User Manuals for school and program sponsor officials will be updated as necessary to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.13. Additionally, Section 508 standards will be applied to the Online Help, which will allow users to view the Online Help without a style sheet.