SEVIS Release 6.29 Final System Changes

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The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.29.

SEVIS Batch

The updated Release 6.29 Batch Application Program Interface (API) is also available on the SEVIS Batch page of ice.gov (http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/sevis#tab1).

All Users

Modified Message Board

The SEVIS Message Board has been modified to display all posted broadcast messages since the implementation of SEVIS Release 6.29. Broadcast messages will be sorted by descending order based on the Date Sent column. The default number of broadcast messages will display 10 entries, however, the user may either choose to display 10, 25, 50, or 100 entries. To view the broadcast message the user will have to click the View link under the Content column heading. All broadcast messages can be downloaded in a Portable Document Format (PDF). In addition, attachments may either be viewed either through the View Broadcast Message or by selecting the attachment name in the attachments column. Any broadcast message that is removed will have a circle with a line through it icon to indicate that the message has been withdrawn.

Example of the Modified Message Board

![Image of the Modified Message Board]
F/M School Officials

Petition for School Certification (Form I-17)

The Petition for School Certification (Form I-17) workflow has been modified to provide school officials a streamlined organization of data fields, validate selected fields to improve accuracy in data collection, and provide easier navigation to specific pages. School officials must now also specify if they are for-profit or non-profit when updating the Form I-17. Address Doctor will be used to validate the school/campus location and mailing address.

Example of the Modified Petition for School Certification (Form I-17) – Page 1

Legend to the Modified Petition for School Certification (Form I-17) – Page 1:
1. Navigation Panel – allows the user to access any page of the Form I-17 workflow in any order, in addition a the draft of the Form I-17 will be saved as the user is navigated to the selected page
2. Form I-17 page legend – provides an explanation of the page icons
3. Public Reporting Burden link – page level help for the Form I-17 page 1
4. All questions of the Form I-17 will be renumbered
5. Field Level Help – provides information regarding the selected field
6. Form I-17 page navigation buttons

For the Form I-17 page 2, in section 2.2 Areas of Study selection, Language Training has been changed to English Language Training. In addition, in section 2.3 List the degrees available
from this school, has been modified to provide an easier way for school officials to select the list of degrees available at their institution.

**Example of the Updated Form I-17 – List of Degrees Available**

Legend to the Updated Form I-17 – List of Degrees Available:

1. The default number of degrees will display 10 entries, however, the user may either choose to display 10, 20, 50, 100, or All entries.
2. Search box – the user may enter the Degree Name to filter the list of degrees
3. Column Sort – each column maybe sorted in descending or ascending order
4. Navigation list – the user may navigate through the provided list of degrees

For the Form I-17 page 6, in section 6.1 Current School Officials By Campus selection, to switch the school official’s role, click on the Roles link under the Role column. Section 6.2 Add School Officials, will allow the school official the ability to enter either new or existing SEVIS users to the petition.
For the submit page of the Form I-17, the school PDSO will have to provide their SEVIS password to attest to the date entered or updated for their school information.
**Modified School Information Screen**

For this release the School Information screen has also been modified to mirror the updates to the Form I-17 screens.

**Example of the Modified School Information Screen**
Legend to the Modified School Information Screen:
1. Navigation/Actions/Views – provides the ability for the school official to navigate through the different sections of school information screen, update the Form I-17/register for batch/request password reset for DSOs
2. School Certification Expiration Date, Status, Next User Verification Date, and Previous School code
3. Section headings – provides a clearly defined break down for each section to mirror the Form I-17

**Modified Form I-17 Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student Form**

For this release the Form I-17 Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student Form, including Form I-17- A will also be modified to be consistent with the updates to the Form I-17 workflow. Part B (I-17-B) of the Form I-17 will be removed with this release.

**Modified Corrections Requests**

For this release the look and feel of submitting a correction request will be modified to provide additional data for the student’s submitted correction request. School officials will still submit correction requests from the Student Information page, however, a modified Corrections Management screen will appear. This screen will be broken down into three sections. The first section will be the student’s information. Section two will be the Correction Options Available for This Student, this data will be provided in a table format and the school official will click on the type of correction to submit the updates. Section three will be a summary of Existing Correction Requests for the particular student.

Within the Existing Correction Requests section the school official will have the ability to sort by column in ascending or descending order, detailed information will be displayed pertaining to the submitted correction requests, and the official will have the ability Request Expedite, Change Responsible DSO, and Cancel the request.
Example of the Corrections Management Screen

Legend to the Corrections Management Screen:
1. Correction Options Available for This Student – provides a list of correction updates available for the student and a description of the type of correction; Field Level Help will also be available in this section
2. Existing Correction Requests – table format of the correction requests previous submitted

Sponsor Officials

Change a J-2 Record to Invalid Status

For this release, sponsor officials will have the ability to change the status of a J-2 spouse/dependent record to Invalid independently of the J-1 principal record if the J-2 record does not have a port of entry (POE) recorded. From the Dependent Information screen, the Actions menu will have a new ‘Invalidate’ link. The sponsor official will have the ability to change the status of J-2 record from Initial, Active, or No Show to Invalid. When modifying the status of the J-2 record, the sponsor official must add a remark explaining why the record status is being updated. In addition, the event history for the J-2 will include the event name of ‘Invalidate J-2’ to indicate that the status has been modified to Invalid.

Exchange Visitor (EV) Effective Date of Transfer Updates

During an EV transfer, the sponsor officials will have to ensure that the Effective Date of Transfer is not later than the day before the EV’s Program End Date.
Updates to the Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents List

The Initial Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents Lists will be modified to display the following new columns: Status Change Date, Visa Issue Date, Date of Entry, and I-901 Transaction Date. The following column will be removed: Date DS-2019 Submitted. In addition, when the list is downloaded in CSV (Comma Separated Values) or Excel (Microsoft Excel workbook) format the following columns will be also be added to the list: Email Address, Program End Date, Primary Site of Activity (SOA) Name, Primary SOA Address 1, Primary SOA Address 2, Primary SOA City, Primary SOA State, and Primary SOA Zip Code.

Updates to the Active Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents List

The Active Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents Lists will be modified to replace the Date of Last Update column with the Date of Last Event column. In addition, when the list is downloaded in CSV (Comma Separated Values) or Excel (Microsoft Excel workbook) format the following columns will be also be added to the list: Primary SOA Name, Primary SOA Address 1, Primary SOA Address 2, Primary SOA City, Primary SOA State, Primary SOA Zip Code, Subject/Field Code, Subject/Field Description, Entry Date, Email Address, Country of Citizenship, Physical Address 1, Physical Address 2, Physical Address City, Physical Address State, and Physical Address Zip Code.

Updates to the Exchange Visitors and Dependents Lists

The following EV and dependent lists will be modified to add the columns listed to the screen, to the three downloaded file formats: CSV, Excel, and PDF (Portable Document Format), and to the printed or copied export:

- **Inactive Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents**
  - Program End Date
- **Transfer In Exchange Visitors and Dependents**
  - Program End Date
- **All Exchange Visitors and Dependents**
  - Category column will be added between the Date of Last Status Change and Program Start Date columns
- **Saved Exchange Visitors and Dependents**
  - Program Begin Date
  - Program End Date
- **No Show Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents**
  - Category
  - Program Begin Date
  - Program End Date

In addition, the All Exchange Visitors and Dependents lists will be modified. The list will continue to include all records in the status of Draft, Initial, Active, and Transferred (IN). The list will no longer include records in the following statuses which have had their status changed more than three years ago: Inactive, Invalid, No Show, Terminated, and Transferred (OUT).
Updates to the Exchange Visitor(s) Requiring Validation Alert

The following columns will be added to the Exchange Visitor(s) Requiring Validation alert list three downloaded file formats: CSV, Excel, and PDF (Portable Document Format), and to the printed or copied export: Country of Citizenship, Subject/Field Code, Subject/Field Description, Email Address, Program Begin Date, and Program End Date.

Updates to the Exchange Visitor(s) Nearing the Program End Date in 60 Days or Less Alert

The Exchange Visitor(s) Nearing the Program End Date in 60 Days or Less alert will have the following columns added: Visa and Category (between the Given Name and Program End Date columns). The following column will be removed from the alert: Date Status Reminder Created. In addition, the Email Address field will be added to the three downloaded file formats: CSV, Excel, and PDF (Portable Document Format), and to the printed or copied to the local clipboard export.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

SEVP and the DoS will update the SEVIS Online Help and User Manuals for school and sponsor officials to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.29.