Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.48 Final System Changes

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The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS Release 6.48.

### All Users

**Removal of the Help Link**

The Help link leading users to SEVIS resource content will be removed from the SEVIS banner. F/M School officials should refer to the [SEVIS Help Hub](#) for changes implemented in SEVIS. J Sponsor officials should refer to the [SEVIS Manuals](#) page of the Exchange Visitor Program website.

**U.S. Address Standardization for Students and Exchange Visitors**

This release will remove the Suite/Apt field from the address modal when entering the U.S. Address information. Suite and apartment numbers should be added to the Street Address field.

**Example of the Modified U.S Address Modal**

![Example of the Modified U.S Address Modal](image)

### F/M School Officials

**Accrued Unemployment Days for Students on Approved OPT or STEM Alert**

The ‘Students who have Approved OPT without a Current Employer Information’ alert has been renamed to the ‘Accrued Unemployment Days for Students on Approved OPT or STEM’ alert. This alert will now provide the following fields:

- The number of days of unemployment allowed
- The number of days of unemployment used
• The number of days of unemployment remaining
Any numbers below zero days remaining will be displayed as a negative number in red. Zero
days will also be displayed in red.

Example of the Accrued Unemployment Days for Students on Approved OPT or STEM Alert

Addition of the Unemployment Counter for Active Employment

This release will add an Unemployment Counter for Active Employment to the Employment
Information screen. The fields in this table will match the new unemployment columns in the
‘Accrued Unemployment Days for Students on Approved OPT or STEM’ alert.

Example of the Unemployment Counter for Active Employment

J Sponsor Officials

U.S. Address Standardization for J Programs, Exchange Visitor (EV) Academic Training,
and Student Employment

DoS will also standardize U.S. Addresses associated with sponsor addresses, EV academic
training or EV student employment. The following fields are available in the address modal to
capture the U.S. Address information:
• Street Address – field length is limited to 64 characters
  o Suite or apartment number should be included in the Street Address field
• Other
  o Additional address information can be entered in this field. Contents entered into this
    field will not be validated
- City
- State – drop down field
- Zip – field length is limited to 5 numbers

**Request Reprint of the Form DS-2019 – Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (J-Nonimmigrant)**

When requesting a reprint of the Form DS-2019, The Update Form DS-2019 for Name Conversion reason for reprint is no longer available for selection.

**User Manuals**

SEVP will no longer update the User Manuals for school officials. Refer to the SEVIS Help Hub to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.48. For SEVIS User Manuals for EV Program Sponsors, refer to the SEVIS Manuals page of the Exchange Visitor Program website.