

Traveler's Pursuit: Quiz time!

1. January 23, 2007 saw the implementation of what new policy that affects everyone traveling by **air** between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda?
2. If a student applies for OPT based on upcoming graduation and then needs to register for an additional term, can the OPT dates be postponed (rather than cancelling and submitting a new application)?
3. Can I-539s be submitted during a F-1 or J-1 student's grace period?
4. In a Change of Status application is the original I-94 card necessary?
5. Scenario: It is June, and a newly admitted student visits your office. He is currently in the U.S. as a tourist, and this status will expire August 1. The degree program will begin September 26. Is it possible that the change of status application will be approved?
6. SEVIS Release 5.4 allows requests to be made through SEVIS that previously went through the Help Desk. DSOs can now request to change what four details in students' records?
7. With SEVIS Release 5.4, what new travel information is available in students' SEVIS records?
8. What is the correct compliance process if a student or exchange visitor receives an I-515A and will be leaving the U.S. within the 30-day period?
9. If a student or scholar has one name, how should this be entered into SEVIS?
10. On October 30, 2006, what change to the reinstatement process went into effect?
11. True or False: Special Registrants may depart the U.S. through the Bell Street Pier 66 Cruise Ship Terminal.
12. True or False: Students from Estonia require a visa to visit Canada.

Discussion Questions:

1. A student in F-1 status received her Bachelor's degree in June of 2005. She was authorized for OPT from July 2005 to July 2006. She received a Change of Level I-20 and began a Master's program in September of 2006. Is she immediately eligible for optional CPT or OPT?
2. A student receives an AA in June and will transfer to a new school, where classes begin fall quarter. Can the release date be set to allow the student to work on campus at the previous school during the summer between programs?

ANSWERS

1. ALL persons, including U.S. citizens, will be required to present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document, or an Alien Registration Card, Form I-551, if applicable. *From: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html*
2. A student can file an OPT application up to 120 days prior to graduation. If the student's graduation will still be within this timeframe from the date of the application, then it might be possible to request new dates through the RegBud and through SEVIS. *From NSC session at NAFSA Region 1 Conference in Boise*
3. Yes, these are considered to be filed in a timely manner. *From NSC session at NAFSA Region 1 Conference in Boise*
4. NO! Photocopies are fine except for reinstatements. *From NSC session at NAFSA Region 1 Conference in Boise*
5. According to NSC guidance it will be denied. Note that the period of authorized stay and status eligibility/approval are different concepts. Applicants must be able to maintain current status up until 30 days before the *original program start date* for F-1 status. If the start date is deferred, this is okay. *From NSC session at NAFSA Region 1 Conference in Boise*
6. In an individual SEVIS record, a DSO can request a change to Student Status, Termination Reason, Program Dates, and Student Request.
From: http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevis_release_5_4_conference_slides.pdf
7. Departure data—port and date of departure. *From:*
http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevis_release_5_4_conference_slides.pdf
8. If a student or exchange visitor is leaving the United States within that 30 day period, they are to fax **copies** of the Form I-515A, their Form I-94 departure card, and their airline ticket to 202-353-4625, Attn: Form I-515A Processing Team. This will satisfy the compliance requirement for those individuals. *From:*
<http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/bmsgi515s1.pdf>
9. This should be entered as the last name in SEVIS. Do not use *FNU* in SEVIS. *From the SEVP FAQs on date integrity at: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/faqs/data_integrity.htm#_Toc133204774*
10. Applications are still filed with the local USCIS office, but the local office will forward the application to the California Service Center for adjudication. *From:*
http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec
11. False. This was removed from the list of Special Registration Ports of Departure effective August 18, 2006. *From: http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec*
12. False. The list of countries whose citizens require a Canadian entry visa was updated on 9/27/06. *From: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html>*