The role of federal agencies in the administration of immigration benefits

Department of State

Embassies and Consulates adjudicate visas abroad



Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Admits travelers at the Ports of Entry and grants status in U.S. (indicated on I-94)



Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)

SEVP creates policy related to students and exchange visitors

HSI manages compliance, enforcement, and SEVIS database



Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Adjudicates benefits within the U.S. including extensions, change of status, adjustment of status, reinstatements, etc.