SEVIS Release 6.9 System Changes

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The following summarizes the system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.9.

SEVIS Batch

No updates to the batch schema are required for SEVIS Release 6.9.

F/M School Officials

Adjudication Required for Form I-17 Field

With Release 6.9, the Average Annual Number field on the existing Form I-17 (page 3, field 20 in SEVIS) will be changed from a non-adjudicated to an adjudicated field. This means that any modifications to the number of Classes, Students, Teachers or Instructors, and/or Non-teaching Employees will require adjudication by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). Changes will not be reflected on the Approved status Form I-17 unless SEVP grants a favorable adjudication.

Cancelation of Form I-17 Updates and Recertification Applications

In addition to the current functionality that allows SEVP to approve or deny I-17 updates and recertification applications that are pending adjudication, SEVP will be given the ability to cancel these submitted updates/applications. If a cancelation occurs, the school's officials will be notified via an email that will include the reason for the cancelation. An event will also be displayed in the school's event history to identify when the update/application was canceled.

J Sponsor Officials

Display of Change of Status and J-2 Employment Data

When case status updates for change of status and J-2 employment applications are received from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), SEVIS will display this information on the associated J-1 and/or J-2 records. If available, the data that will display is as follows:

- Request Type – Change of status or J-2 employment
- Request Status – Pending, approved, denied, or withdrawn
- Visa Type – Both the 'from' and 'to' visa types for change of status
- Employment Dates – Both the employment start and end dates for J-2 employment
- Benefit Start Date – Date the change of status to the 'to' visa type becomes effective
- Receipt Number – Number assigned to the request by DHS

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The 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 6.9.