Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) II

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What is SEVIS II?



SEVIS II ...

- > will be the next generation of SEVIS, an internetbased system that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uses to maintain information on Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) certified schools and the F or M nonimmigrants who attend those schools and their dependents
- > also will maintain information on U.S. Department of State (DoS) designated exchange visitor program sponsors and J exchange visitor program participants and their dependents



History of SEVP

How has SEVIS evolved?

In 1995, tasked by the Deputy Attorney General, the INS Task Force recommends that foreign students be monitored electronically

In 1997, the INS developed the Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students (CIPRIS) program

1979 Iranian Hostage Crisis

Led President Carter to order special registration for Iranian students and the deportation of any who had violated their status, a model for the post 9/11 National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS)

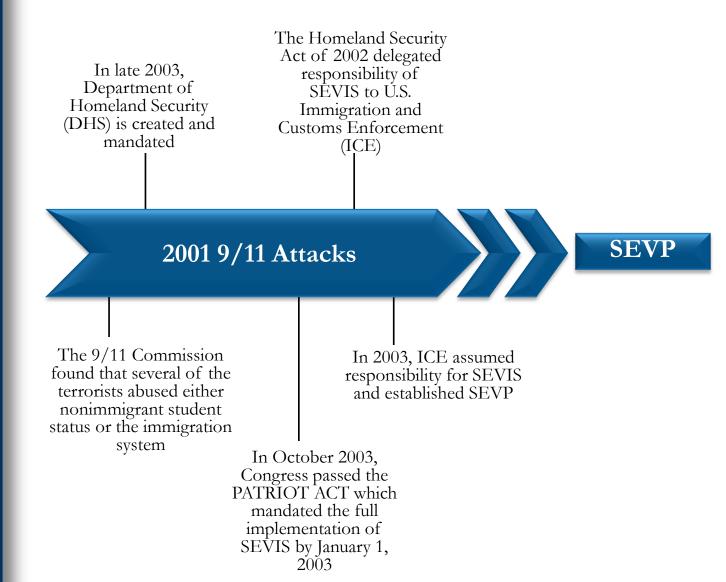
1993 World Trade Center Attack

In July 2001, the name of the program was changed to SEVIS; **SEVIS** participants would access the system through the Internet with user passwords

In 1996, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) is enacted – mandated a program to collect certain information on nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors



History of SEVP (cont'd)





SEVIS II Stakeholders

Agencies Responsible for SEVIS II

- > DHS ICE SEVP & OCIO
- > DoS, Private Sector Exchange

Internal & External Users

- School Officials & Program Sponsors
- > Students & Exchange Visitors
- > Consular Affairs
- > U.S. CBP
- > U.S. CIS
- > ICE CTCEU
- > DoJ
- > TSA

Consulting Government Agencies

- > EducationUSA
- DHS Screening and Coordination Office
- > Department of Education
- > DHS Office of Academic Engagement
- > SSA

Other Interested Parties

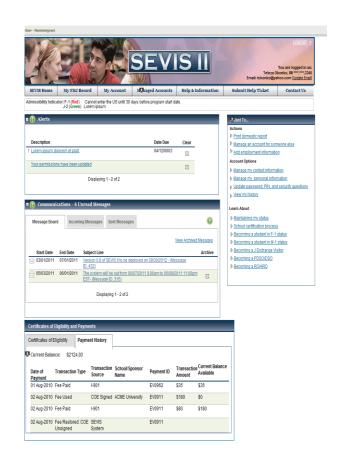
- > International Embassies
- > Advocacy Organizations



Customer Accounts

SEVIS II will permit F/M/J nonimmigrants to create customer accounts and directly access their own information in the system for the first time. Users can:

- View information about their status, immigration benefits, and payment of SEVP fees
- View their own information in real time and request that SEVP or OPSE make a change if needed





One Person, One Record

- SEVIS II seeks to consolidate multiple records about the same individual by using an Immigration Identification Numbers (IIN) assigned to any F/M/J nonimmigrant
- IIN will be a unique identifier issued upon creation of a customer account
- The current record, along with the historical records, will be used to establish a single profile for a user
- SEVIS II will also link to biometric information for F/M/J nonimmigrants collected by US VISIT



Paperless Process

- SEVIS II users will use electronic signatures to sign online forms related to the student and exchange visitor process
 - Signatures can be authenticated immediately and sent via electronic interface to agencies worldwide
- No paper Forms I-17, I-20, DS-3036, DS-3037, DS-2019 or any other SEVIS-related form for immigration purposes
- Government officials can electronically document decisions about visa issuance, changes of status, entry into the U.S., and other requests for nonimmigrant benefits

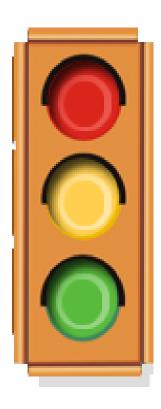
Benefits:

- ✓ Less susceptible to fraud
- ✓ Near real-time data
- ✓ Improved recordkeeping
- ✓ Speedier, more efficient process



Admissibility Indicator

- SEVIS II will provide Government officials with an unambiguous indicator as to whether a person is eligible to enter as an F, M, or J nonimmigrant
 - The admissibility indicator will be only one piece of information available for government users
- SEVIS II will use the information already in the system and a set of business rules to determine eligibility
- Nonimmigrants will be able to view their admissibility indicator





Additional Resources

- Study in the States website http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov
- DHS ICE SEVP official website http://www.ice.gov/sevis/sevisii
- Department of State, Private Sector Exchange http://www.j1visa.state.gov/

