

Broadcast Message: SEVP to Mail Notices to OPT Students Without Employer Information

To: DSOs and PDSOs at SEVP-certified schools

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General Information

Nonimmigrant students and designated school officials (DSOs) must remember to report employer information related to Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Without this information, students could be viewed as having failed to obtain employment and potentially be considered out of status for exceeding permissible periods of unemployment while participating in OPT.

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is conducting a review of SEVIS records for OPT participants and is mailing notices directly to students who have not reported employer information and have exceeded 90 days of unemployment. The notice informs students of their lack of employer/employment information and provides an opportunity for them to update their records either through their DSO or directly through the [SEVP Portal](#). If the student's SEVIS record is not updated, SEVP will set the record to "terminated" to reflect the lack of employer information and the potential that the student may have violated their status either by failing to timely report OPT employment or by exceeding the permissible period of unemployment while on OPT.

For additional information, please reference the attached notice, "Failure to Report Employment While on Optional Practical Training," that SEVP will mail to students.

DSOs or students with questions about this notice should contact the SEVP Response Center via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov or by telephone at (703) 603-3400 or (800) 892-4829. Additional information about how to report student employer information is available on [Study in the States](#) in both the [SEVIS Help Hub](#) and [SEVP Portal Help](#) section. DSOs may also contact their local SEVP field representative with any questions.

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