

To: All SEVIS Users

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Re: DHS Extends Employment Authorization for Nepali F-1 Students

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General Information

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [notice](#) on the Federal Register (FR) that provides an 18-month extension of the employment authorization for Nepali F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the April 25, 2015, earthquake in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Please refer to the notice on the FR for more information regarding the following topics:

- The specific Special Student Relief (SSR) action effective with the notice;
- Who is covered by this SSR action;
- Why DHS took this SSR action; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under this SSR action.

For more information about SSR actions and when they may apply, please download the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the [Study in the States Resource Library](#). If you have case-specific questions, please contact the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Comments

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